

A
BRIEFE AND
necessarie Catechisme, or
Instruction for
Housholders.

Not onely of them throughly to
be vnderstoode, but also requisite to be
learned by hart, of all such as shall
bee admitted vnto the
Lords Supper.

With godly priuate Prayers an-
nexed there-vnto.

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Psalme. 34. 11.

Come Children, harken vnto
mee, I will teach you the feare of
the Lord.



A short Catechisme, contay-
ning a declaration of the true
way to lyfe euerla-
sting.

Verie meete to bee knowne
of euery one, before they be
admitted to the Lords
Supper.

Question.

What is the chiefeſt thing,
which euery one ought to bee
moſt carefull of, as long as
they liue?

Answer.

Euery one ought to be moſt care-
full of theſe two poynts.

Fiſt and cheefely howe hee can be
ſaued in the day of iudgement, before
Gods iudgement ſeate, and to come
to life euerlaſting.

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Second.

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Secondly, how to live according to Gods holy will during our life : In which two poynts wholly standeth the glory of God, so much as of man ought to be sought for.

question.

How can wee know this, how wee are discharged befoze Gods iudgement seate :

answere.

Wee can neuer knowe how wee be discharged befoze the iudgement seat of God, untill such time as wee know our owne miserable estate by reason of the greatnes of our sinnes, and the horrible punishment which wee deserve for them.

question.

How dost thou know the greatnes of thy sinne, and the horrible punishment due to the same :

answere.

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The greatnes of my sinne, and the horrible punishment thereof I know by the lawe of God, rightly vnderstood: the sum whereof is contained in the ten commaundements.

question.

Rehearse the tenne commaundements:

answere.

God spake all these wordes, and saide, I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

1. Thou shalt haue none other Gods but mee.
2. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen Image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heauen aboue, nor in the earth beneath, nor in the water vnder the earth, thou shalt not bowe downe to them nor worship

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Worshippe them: for I the Lord thy God, am a zealous God, and visite the sinnes of the fathers vpon the chylzen, vnto the third and fourth generation of them that hate mee: And shewe mercie vnto thousands, in them that loue mee, and keepe my commandements.

3 Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine: For the Lord will not hold him guiltlesse that taketh his Name in vaine.

4 Remember thou keepe holie the Sabbath day: Sixe dayes shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to doe.

But the seauenth day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: In it thou shalt doe no manner of work, thou and thy sonne and thy daughter, thy man seruauant and thy maide seruauant, thy cattell, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in sixe dayes

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Dayes the Lord made heauen and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seauenth day : wherefoze the Lord blessed the seuenth day and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy dayes may be lon in the Land which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

6. Thou shalt doe no murder.

7. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.

8. Thou shalt not steale.

9. Thou shalt not beare false witness against thy neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not couet thy neighbours wife, nor his man seruauant, nor his mayde, nor his Oxe, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his.

question

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What is the first commaundement.

answere.

Thou shalt haue none other Gods but mee.

question.

What is the meaning of this commaundement?

answere.

The Lord God straightly chargeth vs in the first commaundement, that we worship God alone, which worshipping standeth in foure poynts: First, that wee loue God aboue all. Secondly, that wee feare God aboue all. Thirdly, that we make our prayers to none, but to G D. Fourthly, that wee acknowledge alone God to be the guider and Gouernour of all thinges: of whom we receaue all the benefites that wee haue

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haue, and therefore that we trust and
stay vpon him alone.

question.

What is the seconde commaunde-
ment ?

answere.

Thou shalt not make to thy selfe
any graven Image, nor the likenesse
of any thing that is in heauen aboue.
Ec.

question.

What in the meaning of this com-
maundement ?

answere.

In this second commaundement,
be contained thre things. ¶

First, that wee should not thinke
God to be like either man or womā,
or any other thing, and therefore that
wee make no Image of God in any
case.

Secondly,

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Secondly, that wee make no image of any other thing, either to worſhip the Image it ſelfe, either God, ſaint, or Angell, by the Image: neither yet to this end, to bee the better put in mind of God by the Image.

Thirdly, that we worſhip not God in any other outward worſhip, according to our owne fantaſies, but as God comāndeth vs in his holy word.
question.

What is the third Commaundement?

anſwere.

Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine.
question.

What is the meaning of this commaundement?

Anſwer.

God chargeth vs in this third commaundement theſe three things.

Fiſt, that we uſe with moſt high reuerence

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reuerence the Name of God, whensoever we eyther speake or think vpon him.

Secondly, that wee neuer blaspheme the Name of God, by coniuring, witchcraft, sorcerie, or charming, or any such like: neither by cursing nor banning.

Thirdly, that wee neuer swear by the Name of God in our common talke, although the matter be neuer so true: But onely where the glory of God is sought: or the saluation of our Brethren: Or also before a Magistrate, in witnessing the truth, when wee are there vnto lawfullie called.

In which causes wee must onely swear by the Name of GOD. But as for Saints, Angels, Roode, Booke, Crosse, Masse, or any other thing, wee ought in no case by them to swear.

question

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question.

What is the fourth commaundement ?

answere.

Remember that thou keepe holie
the Sabaoth day, &c.

question.

What is the meaning of this commaundement ?

answere.

The hallowing of the Sabaoth
day, is to rest from all our labours
in our calling: and in one place to
assemble our selues together, and
with feare and reuerence to heare,
marke, and lay bp in our hearts the
worde of G D D preached vnto vs.
To pray altogether, that which we
vnderstand, with one consent: And
at the tymes appointed, to vse the
Sacraments in fayth & repentance:
And all our lyfe long to rest from
wicked-

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Wickednes: that the Lord by his ho-
ly Spirit may worke in vs his good
worke, and so begin in this life, the
euerlasting rest.

question.

What is the first Commande-
ment?

answere.

Honour thy Father and thy mo-
ther.

question.

What is the meaning of this com-
mandement?

answere.

The meaning of this first comman-
dement is, that wee should honour,
(that is to say) loue, feare, obey, and
reuerence our Parents, or any other
that are vnto vs in theyr steede: As
our Princes, Rulers, & Magistrates,
our Pastors & Teachers: our Mai-
sters & all other which are about vs
in

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in any calling, placed by God: the aged & gray-headed: and that all Superiours shewe themselves indeede Parents, in defending and guiding theyr inferiours,

question.

What is the first commandment?
answere.

Thou shalt doe no murther.
question.

What is the meaning of this commandment?

answere.

First, the Lorde God forbiddeth vs in this first commaundement, all killing, fighting, and quarrelling, all reproches, mocks, and taunts.

Secondly, he forbiddeth all killing in hart, that is, all anger and mallice, all desire of reuenge.

Thirdly, on the other side he commaundeth vs to preserve life, by ex-
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exercising the workes of mercy, & compassion towards our brethren, yea, as well towards our enemies.

Fourthly, to loue one another inwardly in our selues: yea, even our enemies, and them that hate vs.

question.

What is the seauenth commaundement?

answere.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

question.

What is the meaning of this commaundement?

answere.

Wee are forbidden in this seauenth commaundement: first, all adulterie, fornication, and all other uncleannes in our bodies.

Secondly, all vnpure thoughts, and lusts of the hart.

Thirdly, all other things which might

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might entice to ſuch vncleanenes, as
all vncchaſt behauiour, filthy talke
and ſongs, wanton apparell, lewde
and idle paſtimes, gluttony, drun-
kenneſſe, houſes of open ſoꝝdome,
and whatſoeuer elſe may allure vs to
vncleanenes.

Fourthlie, on the other ſide, hee
commaundeth vs to keep our bodies
and ſoules chaſt and pure, as Tem-
ples of the holy Ghoſt: or if the gift
of chaſtitie be not giuen vs, then to
uſe the lawfull remedie appointed by
God, which is marriage.

Queſtion.

What is the eight comāndement?
anſwere.

Thou ſhalt not ſteale.

queſtion.

What is the meaning of this com-
mandement?

anſwere.

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In this eight commandement, the Lord God forbiddeth all stealing and robbing in outward deedes.

Secondly, hee forbiddeth all stealing in hart, that is, all desire of any mans goods wrongfully.

Thirdly, hee forbiddeth all deceit and wrongfull dealing.

Fourthly, on the other side, hee chargeth vs that we be content with that portion of goods which the lord giueth vs: to apply our selues in our vocation and calling, to get our own living, and to liue of that which is our owne, and also to be helpful vnto others.

question.

What is the ninth commandement?

answere.

Thou shalt not beare false witness against thy neighbour.

question.

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**A brieft and
What in the meaning of this com-
maundement?
answere.**

**The Lord God in this ninth com-
maundement, doth command vs first,
that we should neuer speake falsly in
witnes bearing.**

**Secondly, that not only in witnes
bearing, but also in no other matter
we should neyther lye, flatter, nor dis-
semble.**

**Thirdly, that we should neuer tell
false tales behind our neighbours
backe, nor heare them of others: that
we should neuer beleene any euil spo-
ken behind their backs, vntill we ful-
ly know the certaintie.**

**Fourthly, in priuate offences to
speake nothing, although it be true,
to the hurting of our Brothers good
name, if by priuate admonitions hee
may be wonne.**

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What is the tenth commaundement?

Answer.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours house. &c.

question.

What is the meaning of this commaundment?

Answer.

Heere the Lord in plaine wordes dooth forbid all inward desire, whatsoever is unlawfull to be doone, although we neuer consent vnto it, as the rebellion of the flesh, all corruption of the old man, all blot of original sinne, so that by this commaundment, most clearely we may see the Image of that man & pleaseth God: euen such a one in whom nothing is impure, neither in will nor nature.

question.

Canst thou fulfill these commaundments, without breaking any one

A brieft and
of them :

answere.

These are the commandements of
almighty God, the perfect fulfilling
wherof no flesh can attaine vnto, no
although I doe all that I can, yet I
bzeake them daily, both in thought,
word, and dede.

question.

What punishment dooth God ap-
poynt for bzeaking any one of them?
answere.

The punishment for the breaking
of the least commaundement, euen
in thought, yea, if it were but once
braken in all my life, is the euerla-
sting curse of GOD, which contay-
neth all the torments that can be de-
uisd both of soule and bodie, and
in the Scripture is called by diuers
names, to expresse the payne, as
hell fire; the worme that neuer dy-
eth,

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eth, bitter darknesse, burning Lake,
second death, damnation, and such
like.

question.

Is there nothing which a man can
doe in this worlde, to serue as a suf-
ficient recompence to **G O D** for
one sinne?

answere.

No, although I should giue al my
goods to the poore, or suffer my body
to be whipped all my life long, or suf-
fer any other punishmēt which might
be deuised, it is not sufficient for one
of my least sinnes.

question.

Yea, but **G O D** is mercifull, wil he
therefore punish sinne so sharplie,
thinkest thou?

answere.

Our **G O D** in deede is merci-
full, but he is also iust and true, and

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there-

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therefoze must needes of Iustice and
truth, punish mans sinne with that
punishment which he hath appoin-
ted.

question.

Seeing then this punishment
must needes be suffered, are we in
our selves able to suffer it, and over-
come it :

answere.

None is able to suffer and over-
come this great punishment of sinne
being onely man.

question.

Is there then no meanes at all
wherby we may be saved from these
paines everlasting :

Answer.

The paines which our sinnes des-
erve, must needes be suffered by
man, because God of his iustice must
needes punish sinne in man, which
was committed by man, and there-
foze

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foze our Sauour Christ being euer
lasting God, became also man, and
hath fully suffered whatsoeuer was
due foz mans sinne.

question.

Are not then all people discharged,
seeing the punishment is paid.

answere.

None are discharged, sauing those
that take holde vpon Christ, and his
merrits with a true faith.

Question.

What callest thou this true fayth?

answere.

Thys true and liuely fayth, is a
full perswasion and assurance of my
hart, groundede vpon the promise of
God, and wrought in mee by the ho-
lie Ghost, whereby I am fully assu-
red, that whatsoeuer Christ hath
wrought foz mans saluation, pertai-
neth not onely to others, but euen to

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mee,

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mee, and is wholly mine, as surely as
if I performed y^e same in mine owne
person.

question.

How can it be that thy sinnes are
forgiuen thee, and yet according to
gods truth fully punished with that
punishment which GOD hath ap-
pointed for sinne?

Answer.

By this my true sayth, I see my
sinnes both to be forgiuen, and yet
fully punished: for in Iesus Christ
to satisfie Gods iustice, they be ful-
ly punished, and yet to me they be
forgiuen, because in mee they be not
punished, but in Christ for mee, to
set forth Gods mercie, and therefore
shall neuer bee layde to my charge:
In this manner therefore I see the
Lord my God, to be both mercifull
and iust.

question

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question.

Yea, but although the punishment of thy sinnes be paid in Christ, yet seeing there can no vnrighteousnesse dwell with **G O D**, how canst thou stand before Gods iudgement seate as righteous and iust, seeing thou hast no righteousness, but such as is stayned with so many sinnes;

Answer.

I stand as iust and righteous before the throne of God, not cloathed with mine owne righteousness, which I haue wrought in mine own person, but with the righteousness of Iesus Christ: which righteousness, being taken hold vpon by a true faith, is made mine. Thus am I iust in the sight of God, not in respect of mine own works which I haue wrought,
but

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but taking holde vpon Christ his
woordes to be mine by fayth.

question.

Doth not this make men to runne
into all Sinne and wickednes ?

answere.

No, for the true faith, as soone as
it is wrought in vs through the holy
Ghost, doth frame our hearts a newe,
and causeth vs to detest, hate, leathe
and abhorre Sinne in all men, but espe-
cially in our selues, and maketh vs to
haue our whole delight and ioy, in
those thinges which be agreeable to
Gods Will, and causeth vs also to ex-
presse the same in our life and conuer-
sation, or else it is no true faith, but a
dead fayth.

question.

[Rehearse the summe of this fayth.
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Answer.

I beleue in **G O D** the Father al-
mightie, maker of heauen & earth.
And in **Iesus Christ** his onely Son
our Lord: which was conceived by
the holy Ghost, borne of the Virgine
Mary. Hee suffered vnder Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and bu-
ried, hee descended into hell, and the
third day he rose againe from death.
Hee ascended into heauen, and sitteth
on the right hand of **G O D** the Father
Almightie. From thence shall hee
come to iudge the quick and the dead.
I beleue in the holy ghost. The ho-
ly Catholique Church: the commu-
nion of Saints: the forgiveness of
sinnes. The resurrection of the bo-
die. And the lyfe euerlasting. So
be it.

question.

What

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What is the effect of this Creede:
aunsweare.

This Creede contayneth foure
especiall poynts.

First, what wee ought to beleue
concerning God the Father: Se-
condly, concerning God the Sonne.
Thirldy, concerning God the holie
Ghost. Fourthly, concerning Gods
people called the Church.

question.

What belieuest thou in the first part
concerning God the Father.
aunsweare.

First, I beleue that God the Fa-
ther through Christ into whose bo-
die I am grafted by faith, is not one-
lie a Father of the faithfull, but e-
uen my Father, and therefore loueth
mee.

Secondly, that hee is almightie,
that is, that he hath all power in his
hand.

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hand, guiding and ruling all things;
so that nothing can be doone in hea-
uen, earth, noz hell, without his pro-
vidence.

question.

What beleueest thou in the second
part, concerning God the Sonne.

answere.

I beleue that Iesus Christ, one
God in substance with the Father
and the holy Ghost, tooke flesh of the
Virgin, & is become perfect man as
I am, in all things, sin onely excep-
ted: and in my nature hath wrought
for mee whatsoeuer was needfull for
my saluation.

Question.

What meanest thou when thou
sayest. He suffered vnder Pontius
Pilate,

Answer.

Because

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Because the manner of death which men doe suffer by the sentence of the Judge, and vnder the tytle of Justice, is moze shamefull, haundrous, and terrible, then if a man should die naturally in his bed, therefore Christ tooke on him our person, to shewe himselfe before an earthly Judge, and to be condemned by the mouth of Pilate, hee being then Judge, that thereby we might bee cleared before the iudgement seate of G D.

question.

What meanest thou when thou sayest: Christ was crucified, dead, and buried?

answere.

First, I meane, in that hee was crucified, that hee suffered the death of the crosse, which was an abhominable and cursed death, to slay mee from

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from the curse which was due for my
Annes.

Secondly, for as much as death
was a punishment due vnto man for
Anne, therefore our Saviour did suf-
fer death, and by suffering ouercame
death. For in his death dooth lye the
principall point of our saluation: for
if hee had not bene truly dead, wee
should be yet subiect to eternall death
and damnation.

Thirdly, hee was buried for the
more greater confirmation of his
death and resurrection. And to the
intent to make it more certainlie
knowne vnto vs, it pleased him also
to be buried after the common man-
ner of men, and that by two notable
persons, Nichodemus, and Joseph
of Aramathia, which was done also
by the will and consent of Pilate,
who caused the body to be deliuered
vnto

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vnto them:

question.

What meanest thou concerning
this, that Christ descended into hell.

Answer.

Where it is saide that Christ descended into hell, thereby I beleue that Christ did not only suffer in his body the punishment due to my body, but also in his soule, the punishment due to my soule, which was the torments of hell, second death, sorowes of death, and abiection from GOD: as it dooth appeare by the anguish of his soule in the Garden, when drops of blood issued out of his body, and also vpon the crosse by his lamentable cry to his Father: For in a miserable case had we been, if hee had suffered onely the punishment due to our bodies & not to our soules.

question

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question.

What fruite hast thou by this death of Christ?

Answer.

First, I beleue that this death and punishment which Christ suffered, is the appeasing of Gods wrath, and a full satisfaction to God for all my sinnes.

Secondly that as hee is dead for sinne, so he will cause sinne to die in my mortall body.

question.

What profit hast thou by the rising againe of Christ?

Answer.

First, I am assured by his rising from death, that hee hath overcome death, hell, and sinne, and hath finished my iustification.

Secondly, that as he is risen from death, so hee causeth me as a member of him, to rise from sinne, and delight

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in righteousness.

Thirdly, his rising againe is a sure
pledge to mee, that my body shall in
like manner rise againe.

question.

What is the meaning of this, that
Christ, Ascended into heauen?

answere.

Christ, as touching the manhead,
is onely in Heauen: but in his Gods
head, and comfort of his holy Spi-
rit, hee is with vs to the ende of the
world.

question.

What good gettest thou by the as-
cending of Christ into heauen?

answere.

First, Christ his ascending into
Heauen, is a sure pledge unto mee,
that I shal in like manner as a mem-
ber of him, by his power, be receiued
into heauen, in the same nature wher
in he is ascended.

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Secondly, Christ hauing ascended into Heauen, maketh continuall intercession for me.

question.

What is the meaning of this, that Christ sitteth at the right hand of God the Father?

Answer.

Christ sitteth at the right hand of GOD the Father, that is, hath all power giuen him of the Father ouer all things.

question.

What fruite doost thou receiue by this, that Christ shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead?

answere.

To me that am a member of Christ it is a singular comfort, whē I know assuredly that none shal be my Iudge but hee that is my Saniour: But terrible it will be to those that flee from Christ, when they shall see him

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come to iudge them, whom they in
their life time refused.**

question.

**What beleueſt thou in the third
part, concerning G O D, The holy
Ghoſt?**

anſwere.

**I beleue that God the holy ghoſt,
ſealeth into my hart all Chriſtes be-
nefits to be mine, and maketh ſin to
die in me, and ſtirreth me vp to righ-
teouſnes and holines of life.**

question.

**Seeing there is but one only God
why nameſt thou the Father, the
Sonne, and the holy Ghoſt?**

anſwere.

**Because God hath ſo opened him
ſelfe in his worde, that theſe three
ſundry perſons are in ſubſtance, but
one true and euerlaſting God.**

question.

**Nowe let vs come to the fourth
part**

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part, what callest thou the Catho-
lique Church :

Answer.

The Catholique Church, is the
whole companie of the true faithfull
people, which euer were since the be-
ginning of the world in all places,
which also be now, and shall be to the
end of the world. Of the which num-
ber I beleue that I am one. I be-
leue also that God knoweth them
all, and hath a most tender care over
them.

Question.

What callest thou, The Commu-
nion of Saints :

Answer.

The Communion of Saints, is
the Societie that all we which beleue
haue one with another, as members
of one head, Iesus Christ, whereby

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Wee are readie to communicate all Gods benefites, both spirituall and temporall, to the mutuall health and comfort one of another, according to the measure which wee haue receiued of God in this life.

Question.

What is it to beleue the forgiveness of sinnes.

answere.

I beleue that Iesus Christ hath wholly appeased God for my sinnes, and paid the full punishment due to them, and therefore, that they be freely forgiven me, and shal neuer be laid to my charge.

question.

What becometh thou of the rising againe of the bodie?

answere.

I beleue that after this life ended, my soule shall goe to God that gaue it, and my bodie shall rest in the grave,

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grace, vntill the appointed time, and then I shall see God in my flesh, and mine eyes shall looke vpon him, and this my body shall be made like vnto the glorious body of Christ, without all corruption.

question.

What is that thou saiest of life euerlasting?

answere.

I beleene, that when God shall raise againe this my bodie, and ioine it againe to my soule, that then I shall liue with Christ for euer in his euerlasting kingdome of glory.

question.

By what meanes doe wee attaine to this sayth, which thou hast heere confessed?

answere

The holie Ghost hath appointed the preaching of the worde to bee the ordina

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ordinarie meanes whereby hee wor-
keth in our hearts this true and liues-
ly fayth, and without this preaching
of the Word, wee can neuer haue
fayth.

question.

After that God by the meanes of
his word hath wrought in our hartes
fayth, by what meanes afterward
doth he strengthen the same.

answere.

This fayth doth God strengthen
in vs by the selfe same preaching of
the Worde, and also by the vse of the
Sacraments.

question.

What callest thou the Sacra-
ments?

answere.

Sacraments bee outward signes
ordayned of God for the greater as-
surance, and strengthening of our
fayth, beeing vnto vs sure pledges
of

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of those benefits of our Salvation which wee receiue in Christ to be ours, and are represented vnto vs by the outward signes of water in Baptisme, and Bread and Wine in the Supper of the Lord.

They serue also for a marke of our profession, whereby we differ from other people which be heathen.

question.

How many Sacraments be there.

answere.

There be two Sacraments, that is to say, Baptisme, and the Supper of the Lord.

question.

What strength of faith hast thou through Baptisme.

answere.

I am taught and assured by Baptisme, that my sinnes are forgiven mee: for as the water washeth away the filthinesse of my bodye, euen so

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ſo ſhould I through the holy ghoſt,
bee thereby fully certified and per-
ſwaded, that the blood of Jeſus
Chriſt being ſprinkled vpon my ſoule,
by the hand of faith, hath waſhed a-
way both the guiltineſſe of my ſinne,
and the puniſhment due to the ſame:
the fruit and effect wherof appeareth
heerein, that through the power of
Chriſtes death & reſurrection, I am
dead as touching ſinne, and raiſed vp
again in newnes of life: which two
thinges, in whom ſoener they ap-
peare not, they may well haue the
name and title of baptiſme, but indeed
they are no Chriſtians.

question:

What ſtrength of faith doe we find
in the uſe of the Lords ſupper?

anſwere

The Supper of the Lord through
the holie Ghoſt, both ſtrengthen my
faith,

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sayth, that I should not doubt, but as surely as I receiue the Bread and Wine into my body to becom wholly mine, so my soule receineth with all Christ, with his passion and righteousness to be wholly mine, as surely as if I had wrought them mine owne selfe.

question.

Are not then the Bread and Wine in the Supper of the Lorde, turned into the body and blood of Christ?

answer.

The Bread and Wine, as touching theyr nature and substance, are not changed: but as touching the vse of them, they differ from common Bread and Wine, in that they are appointed of God to serue vnto vs as seales and pledges of those benefites which Christ in his body wrought for vs.

question.

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In what manner oughtest thou
to prepare thy selfe to the receiuing
of these misteries ?

Answer.

In preparing my selfe to receiue
the Supper of the Lord, I ought
diligentlie to obserue these three
things.

First, to examine my selfe whe-
ther I stand in faith or no, which I
shall know, if I feele my hart assured
by the spirit of God, that the punish-
ment of my sinnes is fully discharged
in Christ, and whatsoever hee hath
done, pertaineth not onely to others,
but euen to mee.

Secendly, to examine my selfe
whether I find my hart inwardlie
sorrowe for my sinnes, with an inward
hatred and loathing of sin, and an ear-
nest desire & a sure purpose, whole-
lie to conformance my selfe to the will of
Gods word.

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Thirdly, if any offence be betwixt others and mee, that I may reconcile my selfe vnto them. All these things although they ought earnestly to bee considered in the whole course of our life, yet then especially, when we com to the Supper of the Lord.

question.

Nowe, seeing wee bee saued by Christes works, without our deservings, whereto then nowe serueth our well doing, or what auaieth it to doe good works?

answere.

wee must doe good works, not to deserue our saluation by them, but by our works to glorifie God, in walking as becommeth Gods chyl-
dren, declaring thereby our thank-
fulnesse to God for our redemption.

Secondly, by our works, to make our election more certaine vnto our selues. Thirdly, to winne other to
Christ

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Christ by our holie life and conuersa-
tion.

question.

What woorkes callest thou good
woorkes?

answere.

Our woorkes can neuer bee accep-
table and good in the sight of GOD;
vnlesse in doing them we keepe these
two things: First, that they be fra-
med according to the rule of Gods
Lawes and commaundements, and
not after our owne deuises.

Secondly, that they proceed from
an heart purged by faith. If eyther
of these two poynts be lacking, our
woorkes are abhominable in the eyes
of God, although they appeare neuer
so glorious in the sight of men.

question.

Because Prayer is our spectall
meanes. which GOD will haue
vs

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be ble to increase our faith, tell mee
what belongeth to true prayer.

answere.

It is requisite in true prayer: that
wee obserue these foure things.

First, that wee make our prayers
onely to God, through Christ, and
not to Saints.

Secondly, that wee be inwardlie
touched with the neede of the thing
wee aske, hauing our mind wholly
bent therupon, and not carried away
with by thoughts.

Thirde, that our prayers bee
grounded vpon gods promises, with
full assurance that they shall be gran-
ted, so farre as the Lord doth know
them to bee meete and needfull for
vs.

Fourthly, that wee continue in
prayer, although we haue not our re-
quest at the first.

Fifthly, that wee aske not those
things

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things which we thinke good in our
owne fantasie, but onely that which
God commandeth vs to aske of him.
All which things be contained in the
Lords prayer.

question.

Rehearse the Lords prayer.

answere.

O **A** Father which art in hea-
uen, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdome come. Thy will be done
in earth as it is in heaven. Give vs
this day our daily bread. And forgive
vs our trespases, as we forgive them
that trespass against vs. And leade
vs not into temptation, but deliver
vs from euill. For thine is the king-
dome, and the power, and the glorie,
for euer and euer. Amen.

question.

What doest thou desire of God in
thys prayer?

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answere.

First, I desire of our heavenly father, that his Name may be hallowed: First in his excellent workes, which is, when we acknowledge his mercie, wisdom, iustice, and providence, that hee alone worketh all thinges: and that onely the Lord God be had in honour, all other sette aside. Secondly, that his Name may be glorified in our godly living and conuersation.

In the second petition, wee desire God that his kingdome may come, that is, that hee will declare himselfe to be King ouer his Church, in guiding and defending it, in increasing of the number of the faythfull, in thrusting forth labourers into his harvest, and blessing their labours, and suppressing the rage of wicked Tyrants.

Secondly, that he will exercise his
D. king-

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kingdome ſeuerally in euery one of vs, killing ſinne in vs, and all worldly care, and renewing vs to righteouſnes of life.

In the thirde petition wee deſire that Gods will may be doone, that is, that wee may willingly in all thinges reſigne our ſelues to Gods will, without murmuring or grudging.

In the fourth petition wee pray that hee will giue vnto vs, walking faithfully in our calling, our dailie Bread, that is, all things needfull for our liuing for this preſent life.

In the fiſt petition wee pray, that our ſinnes may be forgiven vs, that hee will not lay to our charge our ſinnes, nor the puniſhment due to them, but that hee will accept þ death and paſſion of Chriſt, as the full ſatisfaction for our ſinnes, and that wee may hereof haue full aſſurance in
our

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our conscience, that the punishment of our sinne is fully discharged in Christ, and therefore freely forgiven vnto vs, as surely as we do forgive others: and that wee may loue one another from the bottom of our hearts, all desire of reuenge set aside.

In the sixt and last petition, wee doe pray vnto God, that he will not leade vs into temptation, but deliuer vs, that is, that hee will not bring vs further into the battell with our spirituall enemies, then we by his holy Spirit shall be able to preuaile and overcome.

question.

And why is this added: For thine is the kingdome, the power and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

answere.

Not onely to kindle in our hearts, to desire the glory of G O D, but
D 2 also

A briefe and

also to teach vs, that this prayer is grounded vpon none other then on God onely: and that wee should not thinke the kingdome of GOD to be weake, and voyde of force & might. And that hee onely is to be honozed, playsted, and glorified, and that his power is infinite, perpetuall, and euertlasting.

And in this word, Amen, is expressed the feruent desire to obtaine those things which we aske of God, and our hope is confirmed, that those things which we aske are graunted vnto vs, by which our consciences is pacified, & so we end our prayers.
question.

Tell mee nowe briefly the effect of all thou hast said.
answere.

By the tenne Commandements I see my miserable estate, that I deserue death, damnation, & the curse
of

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of God, which must needes be paid,
because God is iust. And whereas
I my selfe am not able to pay it, the
holie Ghost, through the preaching
of the Gospell woꝝketh in mee faith,
which assureth me that the sonne of
God being made man for me, hath e-
uen in my nature suffered whatso-
euer my sinnes deserued, and hath
made mee with him the child of God,
and heire of euerlasting life. Where-
of least I should doubt or wauer, he
hath appointed two Sacraments,
as outward signes and tokens to be
seene and felt of mee: that as surely
as I se my selfe made partaker of
them outwardly, so the holie Ghost
inwardly instructing mee, I shoulde
nener doubt, but inwardly be parta-
ker of Christ himselfe, with all his
benefites, his raunsome, righteous-
nesse and holines to bee mine, that in
him, and through him, I shall haue
D 3 life

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life enclasting. And thus being
borne a newe into this liuelie hope,
by the holy Ghost, my waies should
be directed & guided by the same spyr-
it, to walke in holinesse and righte-
ousnes all the dayes of my life.

A prayer contayning the effect
of this Catechisme.

O Mercifull and heauenly Fa-
ther, for so much as at euery
light occasion, I am drawne from
thy holy Lawes, to the vanities of
this life, and vnto all sinne and wick-
ednesse, I beseech thee in mercy set
before mine eyes alwayes the re-
membzance of thy iudgement seate,
and my last end: wherby I may bee
daily stirred by to consider in what
great danger I stand through the
horrible punishment due to my sins,
that daily groning vnder the burden
of

The Prayer.

of them, I may flie for succour to thy
beloued son Iesus Christ, who hath
fully payde, suffered and ouercome,
the punishment due to them: and
through the working of thy holie
Spirit in mee, I may bee fully assu-
red in my soule and conscience, that
the curse, condemnation and death,
which these my sinnes deserue, is ful-
ly payde, suffered, and ouercome in
Christ, that his righteousness, obedi-
ence, and holines is mine, and what
soeuer hee hath wrought for mans
saluation, is wholly mine. Streng-
then this fayth in me daily more and
more, that I may inwardly feele com-
fort and consolation in this, that I
feele thy holy Spirit, beare recorde
vnto my spirit, that I am thy childe,
grafted into the body of thy Sonne,
and made with him fellowe heyre
of thine euerlasting Kingdome. So
worke in me by thy holy Spirit, that
daily

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daily more and more I may feele sin
dye in mee, that I doe not delight
therein, but daily may grone vnder
the burthen thereof: vtterlie hate,
detest, and loathe sinne, let my selfe,
and all the powers of my soule a-
gainst sin, and haue my full delight,
ioy, comfort, and pleasure, in those
thinges which bee agreeable to thy
will, that I may walke as becom-
meth the chyld of light, looking still
for that good time, when it shall
please thee to call me to thine euera-
lasting kingdom and ioy eternall: this
in mercie graunt vnto mee, for Iesus
Christ his sake, my Lorde, and Sa-
uiour. Amen.

FINIS.

GODLY
Priuate Prayers, for
Householders to meditate
vpon, and to say in
their Families.

*Made by Maister Edward
Dering: sometime Reader
of the Diuinitie Lecture in
Paules.*

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*¶ What soeuer yee desire when you
pray, beleene that you shall haue it,
and it shall be done vnto you.*

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Godlie priuate Prayers,
for Housholders to be saide
in theyr Families.

A Prayer contayning the effect
of the Housholders Cate-
chisme.

Almightie GOD
and most mercifull
father, I see in thy
blessed Lawes, and
cōmandements, the
greauenes of my sins
and wickednesse: yea, I see, O Lord
my God, the whole course of my life
to

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to be almost nothing else, but a continuall breaking of thy holy lawes and commandements. The thoughts of my heart (either in vanitie, or else open wickednes) are in number infinite, daillie in the abundance of them, causing my mouth to speake, and my bodie to execute, and do contrarie to thy holie will. And againe, (O Lord) I see thy heauie wrath, vengeance, and iudgement against sinne to be intollerable, that euen the least wicked thoughts & most secrete cogitation of thy hart, procureth thy heauie wrath, and euerlasting curse, the torments of hell and euerlasting fire, euen although I had but once in all my life broke any of thy commandements, so much as once in thought. And I know (O Lorde GOD) that thou art true and iust, and canst not abide sinne and wickednes, but wilt iustly punish euerie sinne,

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sinne, euen with the selfe same torments of hell, which thy iustice hath appointed, euen for euery sinne. This O Lord my God, throweth me downe, and euen amazeth mee so that I know not what to doe. I looke into my selfe, viewing mine owne power, whether I am able to ouercome this punishment of my sinne or no: and I see that all euen the most exquisite punishment which I can deuise to my selfe, in whipping of my bodie as long as I liue, wearing hayre-cloath, pynning my selfe with fasting, or any other payne, I see, I see (O Lord) that all this punishment is not sufficient for one of my least sinnes, because it deserueth euen the euerlasting paines of hell. I looke to heauen, I see there is no Saint, nor Angell, able to abide, and ouercome this punishment of sinne: I looke to men in this world,
euen

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even to the Popes treasure, that
wicked man of sinne, and I see that
neither his masse, nor purgatory, pil-
grimage, pardons, penance, satis-
factions, nor any of such like wicked
stufte, alas I see they are nothing
for the satisfying for one of my least
wicked thoughts, seeing the punish-
ment is due by the iust decree and
sentence of thy everlasting curse. where-
fore I am driven out from my selfe,
and all that I can doe, to seeke this
punishment discharged other-where,
or else to quaille vnder the burthens
I see there is no help for me in An-
gels, Saints, nor mortall men, but
onely in that perfect man Christ Je-
sus thy deere Sonne in whom I see
the full punishment of my sin wholly
payd, satisfied, discharged, and over-
come: death vanquished, the paynes
of hell in victorie swallowed vp, the
curse satisfied, and the eternitie of the
punish-

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punishment (through his everles-
sing power) euer-reched. This I
see (O Worde) by the eyes of fayth,
beeing through thy holy spirit, who-
he assured, that all the whole punish-
ment of sinne paide by my Saniour
Christ, is not onely paid for other
men, but euen also for me and my
sinne. This assurance of my fayth
being thine onely worke in mee. I bes-
sech thee in mercy to strengthen and
increase, for I feele it often full of
wanering and doubting. Graunt
that I may daily more and more in
my soule and conscience, feele my selfe
knit and grafted into the body of thy
sonne, whereby I may bee assured,
that whatsoeuer he hath doone, per-
taineth to me, and is fully and who-
lie mine : that I may through the po-
wer of his death, feele sinne darlie die
in mee, and through the power of his
resurrection feele my selfe risen from
sinne,

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Grne, to haue my full ioy and comfort in those things which be agreeable to thy holie will, vtterly detesting, hating, and abhorring from my hart all thinges, which be contrary to thy will and pleasure: that euen in this life I may still looke for his endlesse ioy and felicitie, vñing the things of this worlde, as though I vsed them not, till that good time that it shall please thee to call mee to thine euerlasting kingdome of glozie, there to raigne with my Lorde and Sauour Iesus Christ for euer and euer.

Amen.

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A prayer vpon the Lords Prayer.

The first petition.

*Our Father which art in
heauen.*

O Most mightie Lorde and eternall
G O D, who hast by thy deere
sonne **Christ Iesu** our lorde and Sa-
uiour, reconciled vnto thy selfe all
things in heauen and earth, and in
him hast made an euerlasting bonde
and couenant with vs thy fayth-
full chldzen, that thou wilt not on-
lie be our God, but also our most lo-
uing and mercifull Father, where-
of as a pledge thou hast giuen vs
thy holy spirit of adoption, whereby
wee may with boldnes and full trust
and confidence come to thee by hartie
prayer, as vnto our most louing and
Emer-

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mercifull Father, beeing assured that thou wilt not denie any thing which thou knowest shall be expedient for vs: graunt wee beseech thee (deere Father) that we beeing fullie perswaded in our hearts of this thy fatherly loue and affection towards vs, may bee stirred vp to make our petitions with such an affection, ardent desire, loue and reuerence to thy Maiestie, that our minds be not carried away with by-thoughts, creeping in, but without all wandring, may be fully bent and attentive to the thing we aske, and fully relye upon thy mercifull and iust protection.

¶ Hallowed be thy Name.

WE then beseech thee (deere Father) that thou wilt strengthen
our

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our hearts with thy holy spirit, that considering thou hast made al things for the glory of thy Name, so we may in all our doings, enterprises, counsels, and purposes, chiefly about all things seeke thy glory: that we may fully acknowledge thee not onely the Author of all thinges, but the Ruler, guider, and gouernour of all things, both in heauen and earth: that wee neuer deminish thy incomprehensible glory, by attributing vnto our selues any power, strengch, or abilitie to doe, will, or thinke that which is good: but from our hearts wee may acknowledge all our goodnes to come from thee, yelding for the same continually praise and thanksgiuing, to thy glorious Name: that wee neuer by distrusting thy mercifull prouidence, dishonour thy name, but that euen in our greatest distress wee may put our full confidence in thee, not

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looking vpon our weaknes, but stay-
ing vpon thy power and promises,
by hartly prayer, fleeing vnto thee our
onely refuge: that our whole life
may bee so framed according to thy
holy will in all poynts, that thy glo-
rious Name in vs may be sanctified,
and that wee be not an occasion that
thy holy name be blasphemed through
our wicked life and conuersation.

The second petition.

g Thy kingdome come.

L Et thy kingdome, (most merciful
father) appeare, and manifestly
be declared in all the worlde, but e-
specially amongst thy Church, and
faithfull flocke: declare thy selfe
Lorde and King ouer them, ruling
them by the scepter of thy holy word,
and force of thy holy spirit. Encrease
the

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the number of faithfull Pastors and
Preachers among the people: blesse
their labours, to the increase of this
kingdome of thy deere sonne Iesus
Christ, and to the destruction of the
kingdom of sathan and Antichrist.
Suppress the rage of the enemies,
that they may knowe that thou (O
Lord) doest raigne in all ages, to the
behoofe of thy Church, and terrour
of thine enemies. Graunt these mer-
cies good Lord, not onely to a whole
Church in generall, but especially to
euerie one of vs thy children parti-
cularly, grant that wee may effectua-
lly feele the force of this thy king-
dome in our hearts. Beate downe in
vs our olde corrupt Adam, with all
unfull delights, thoughts, motions,
and desires: and renewe in vs day by
day our spirituall and inward man,
that wee may be wholly bent to de-
light, thinke, desire, and doe those
E 3 things

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things which bee acceptable in thy sight.

The third petition.

¶ Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heauen.

F Brame our harts, good Lord, with such humble obedience to thy holy will, that wee may be hartlie well content with whatsoeuer it pleaseth thy goodnesse to lay vppon vs: that we neuer cease in our miseries, but continually call vppon thee by heartie prayers, although we feele no release at all, yet that still patiently wee may abide, and quietly waite for thy good leysure and appointed time of delectuerance, when thou knowest it shall be most expedient for vs.

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The fourth petition.

*G*ive vs this day our dai-
lie bread.

GRaunt vs, deere Father, that all
our counsels, studies, labours,
and endeuours, being by thy holie
spirit guided and framed, wee may
every one in that vocation in which
thou hast placed him, so faithfullie
trauaile to the discharging of our
consciencs, and edifying of thy
Church: that our account may be
found acceptable befoze thy throne
and iudgement seate. So blesse our
labours and trauailes, that wee may
hane sufficient for the preserving of
this present life, and be content with
those benefits which thou shalt be-
stowe vpon vs, whether they be ma-
ny or fewe, acknowledging them to

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bee receiued of thee: not greedily to care for them, or vainly to delight in them, and thankfully esteeme of them as thy benefits bestowed vpon vs, and as faithfull Stewards moderately to ble them, to the releefe of our Brethren, and the discharge of our consciences.

The first petition.

*¶ Forgiue vs our trespasses as wee
forgiue them that trespass
against vs.*

Ecrease in vs (O Lord) the gift of fayth, that wee may daie more and more in our soules and consciences bee assured that our sinnes be defaced, cleane blotted out, and concred with the full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice of thy deere sonne Christ Iesu our Lord and Saviour
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once made for vs : that wee are knit-
ted, knit, and made one bodie with
him, partakers of his righteousness,
iustification, and holinesse, and euen
fellow heires with him of euermlasting
life: that wee may vnfainedlie from
the bottome of our hearts loue thee
for this thine vnspeakable goodnes
and mercy, forgetting from our hearts
our Brethren which doe offend vs,
pray for them, loue, cherish, and com-
fort them as fellow members all of
one bodie, with perfect naturall loue
and compassion linked together to
our head Christ Iesus.

The sixt petition.

¶ Lead vs not into temptation.

Strengthen vs, good Lord with
thy holy Spirit, that we be not o-
uercome with the subtile suggesti-
ons

Godly prayers.

one and onfull motions of sathan
the deuill: hold vs with thy mer-
cifull hand, that wee sleepe not in sin,
that wee bee not drawne away with
the wicked worlde, nor the intice-
ments of the flesh, to delight in wick-
kednes: but so arme vs with thy
mightie power, that wee may strong-
lie abide all the assaults and subtile
sights of our ghostlie enemy, and
sincerely to walke before thy face;
both in prosperitie and aduersitie, to
thy honour and glory, the health of
our soules, and profit of thy Church,
through Iesus Christ our onely
Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

The

Godly prayers.

¶ The Lords prayer more
at large.

The first petition.

¶ *Our Father which art in
heaven.*

○ Most mightie and eternall God,
who of thine infinite loue to
mankinde, hast given vs thine owne
eternall Sonne Christ Iesu our
Lord, to be made man for vs, in the
similitude of sinnefull flesh, to be-
come flesh of our flesh, bone of our
bones, in all things like vnto vs,
sinne onely excepted: who being thy
true and naturall sonne, hath made
vs with him, sonnes, chyldren, and
heires to thee our most merciful fa-
ther,

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ther, giuing vs by thy grace, that
which is his by nature: And by his
due, alone, once suffered, sufficient
sacrifice, hath paide the ransome of
our sinnes befoze thy diuine Maie-
stie, to satisfie thy iustice vpon unfull
flesh. which debt being paide for vs,
hee hath brought vs in fauour with
thee, so that we may now with bold-
nesse and trust come to thee, as vnto
our most mercifull and louing Fa-
ther, with full assurance, that as thy
loue is so much greater and more ex-
cellent toward vs, then all loue of
earthly Parents toward theyr chyl-
dren, as thou passest all men in good-
nes and mercy, so thou wilt deny vs
nothing which shall be expedient for
vs. So that although all the Fa-
thers which are in earth, hauing sha-
ken off all feeling of fatherly natu-
rallnes, would forsake their children,
yet thou wouldest neuer forsake vs,
be-

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because thou canst not deny thy selfe.
Who promisest, that if earthly Fathers being euill can giue good gyfts to their chyldzen: howe much more wilt thou our heavenly Father, being altogether goodnes it selfe, giue good thinges to them that aske in thy sonnes name? And that although a Mother should forsake her chyliden, yet wilt thou not forsake vs thy chyliden, whom thou hast before the beginning of the world in thy deere sonne Iesus Christ, chesen to be thy Chyliden & heires with him of thine immortall kingdome. Whereof that wee in our selues might bee sure and certaine, and out of all doubt that wee are thy chyliden and heyes of euerlasting life: thou hast giuen into our harts thy holie Spirit, as a true pledge & earnest of our inheritance, which spirit dooth assure our spirits that wee are thy Chyliden, and
thou

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therefore cryeth in our hearts, Abba
Father.

G Hallowed be thy Name.

WE therefore as thy deere chyl-
dren, ransomed and bought
by thy deere son, flie to thee our most
louing and mercifull Father, who in
goodnes art infinite, in mercy aboun-
dant, in substance incomprehensible,
in immortalitie everlasting: who by
thy mighty power and singuler pro-
vidence rulest all thinges, according
to thy heauenlie wisdom: besee-
ching thee for thy deere sonne Christ
Jesus his sake, that as thou hast
sufficiently set forth thy glorious
Name in making the whole worlde,
heaven, earth, and all thinges therein
contained: so wee may in beholding
and viewing thy creatures & workes
of

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of thine handes, be lifted vp to thee
our Lord God, the Creator and Ma-
ker, and in them, glorifie thy holy
Name, acknowledging in them thy
singuler goodnes and loue towardes
man, for whose vse thou hast created
all things both in heauen and earth:
and that we may for the same, euen
from the bottome of our harts, peeelde
due honour, prayse, and thankesgi-
uing to thee, deere Father, all the
dayes of our life. Grant most mercif-
full Father, that we may in hart
and mind be fully assured, that thou
by thy heauenly prouidence rulest
and guidest all thinges in heauen and
earth, so that nothing in the whole
world cometh to passe, but accor-
ding to thine appoyntment: that
thou guidest and framest the affaires
and doings of men, that thou hast
euen their harts and all their powers
in thy mercifull hand, to turne them
which

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Which way soener it seemech best to thy godly wisdom: so that whether wee be in prosperitie or aduersitie, wee may acknowledge both of them to be thy worke in vs, and therefore bee no lesse thankfull for sickness then in health: for sorrow then for comfort: for a troubled minde then for a quiet: for imprisonment, & banishment, then for libertie, especially, seeing wee know that thou turnest them all (seeme they neuer so sharpe) to the comfort and commoditie of thy children which feare thee: and that in all thinges which shal befall vnto vs, whether they be grievous or ioyous, prosperitie or aduersitie, life or death, thy holy name may bee sanctified in vs by yeelding due and continual praise and thanksgiving to thy eternall Maiestie: that wee neuer cease to put our full trust and confidence in thy mercie, who
hast

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Thou hast promised to bee our defender,
buckler, and shield, to keepe vs as
the apple of thine eye, to deliuer vs
when wee call vpon thee, to open
when wee knocke, to giue when wee
aske: that wee knowing our owne
weakenesse, that of our selues wee
haue no power or strength to doe, no
not so much as to will that which
is good, we may acknowledge all our
strength, comfort, ioy, fayth, loue,
hope, and confidence to be thine onely
gift and worke in vs. And for the
same, and the increase of the same,
for all thy benefites in vs, whereof
wee feelee our selues destitute, wee may
constantly flee vnto thee by hartie
prayer, requiring the same at thy
mercifull hand. And hauing felt thy
mercifull dealing towards vs, wee
may alway to the end of our life con-
tinue thankfull to thy blessed Name:
that wee neuer speake or thinke of
th.

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thee, O Lord GOD, without high
reuerence and obedient feare vnto
thy glorious Name.

The second petition.

Thy kingdome come.

A *And that thy kingdome, O Lord,*
may more gloriouslie shine a-
mongst men, subdue the harts of the
people to bee obedient to thy worde.
Lighten all Nations with thy glori-
ous Gospel: rayle bp faythfull
Ministers of thy worde, abundant-
ly in euery place, who with pure and
perfect zeale in true knowledge, may
feede the hungre soules with the
foode of life. Lighten the harts of thy
Chyldren, whom yet thou hast not
called to the feeling of thy mercies in
thy sonne reuealed. Beate downe
the furie, and rage of the kingdome
of

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of sathan and Antichrist with all tyrants, who shewe their bitter mallice and furie against thy deere and faithfull flocke. Confound their deuises, suppress their pride, and so strengthen all thy true & faithful seruantes against their rage, that they may haue true wisdom to confounde their enemies, and stedfast constancie to confesse the truth of thy glorious Gospell, euen to the death. And that euerie one of vs may feelee the force of this thy kingdome particularly in our selues, wee beseech thee kill in vs, by thy holie Spirit, all wicked delights of Sinne, and vanities of this world:

Mortifie in vs our earthly and carnall affections, and graunt that wee may haue our full delight and pleasure in thee our heavenly father, and in thy Son Christ Iesus our Lorde and Saviour, and reuerently embrace

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Heare thy holy word, that our soules may be comforted there, and our fayth thereby confirmed. Lighten our vnderstanding, that wee may in thy holy word learne, and in heart be fully assured, that thou art our most mercifull Father, and thy deere Son, our Lord and Saviour.

Beate downe in vs all sinfull motions of the aduersarie, which do rebell against thy holy Spirit, and settle and frame our minds by thy holie Spirit in vs, that all rebellion in our flesh being killed, we may quietly lie with stayed mindes and consciences, let our full ioy, comfort, and consolation in heavenly thinges, walking before thee in sinceritie of minde: put our whole trust and confidence in thee, rest, and quiet our selues wholly in thy mighty protection and prouidence.

Thy

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The third petition.

*Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heauen.*

AND forasmuch (O Lord God)
as of our selues wee be nothing
but stubboznnesse and rebellion, wee
beseech thee, deere Father, that as
thine Angels in heauen do willingly
lie obey thy will without resistance,
so wee thy Childzen in earth, all
stubbernesse and perversnesse by thy
holy Spirit, in vs being utterly ex-
tinguished and quenched, wee may
willingly submit our selues, resigne
and peeke our whole affections to
thee, O Lord, to be gouerned after
thy blessed and heavenly will. That
wee may feele in our selues, no other
motion of desire, then a meete consent
to thy holy will, that whatsoeuer af-

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fection in vs fight against thy holy will, thou wilt utterly make them void. That we neuer will any thing of our selues, but that thy holy Spirit in vs may gouerne our harts, by whom inwardly beeing taught, wee may learne to loue, embrace, and take comfort in those thinges that please thee, and to hate those thinges that displease thee.

That our harts, minds, and wills, beeing whollie subdued to thy most blessed will, wee may willingly be content with that estate of life, which it pleaseth thy goodnes to exercise vs with; all in this world, whether it be in aduersitie or prosperitie, in sickness or health, in ignominie or glory, in quietnesse or trouble, in sorrowe or gladnesse. Graunt vs, deere Father, this willing and patient minde, that euen in our greatest distresse, wee may be content with thy good will,
and

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and not to murmur or grudge against thy Maiestie, knowing that thou wilt lay nothing vpon vs, but that which shall turne to our goodnes and profit. And that we may patiently abide whatsoeuer it shal please thee to lay vpon vs: that wee be assured in our hearts, that thou wilt not lay moze vnto vs, then thou wilt giue vs strength to beare, and euen in our greatest afflictions, wilt finde away for our deliuerance, and that thy power and strength is more fully declared, when we feele our selues vtterly voyde of all strength, and see no way of deliuerance: that wee may in our most greiuous assaults, conflicts, and anguish of mind submit our selues wholly to thy blessed will, and looke for our deliuerance at thy hand, when thou knowest it shall be most expedient for vs, and most for thy glory, leauing the
time

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time and meane of deliuerance to thy good will and pleasure, and that in the meane time, wee neuer cease but call vpon thee, by hartty prayers continually as thou hast commaunded, vntill such time as thou shalt heare our petitions. And although after many and sundry callings vpon thee thou seeme not to regard vs: but rather deale moze extreemely with vs, yet notwithstanding, strengthen vs so with persenerance in prayer, that wee faint not, but still continue in prayer, being assured, that although wee feele our selues nothing released, yet wee may quiet our selues herein, that wee as thy Childzen haue layde our complaints, greifes & sorrowes in the bosome of thee our heauenlie Father, who wilt as a louing Father, when hee seeth it most conuenient, helpe vs. And although thou seeme nothing to grant our requests,
yet

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yet we honour thee in calling vppon
thy name: seeing thou doost accept it
as a most cheefe honour, to be called
vpon in the day of trouble.

The fourth petition.

G Give vs this day our dai-
lie bread.

AND forasmuch (deere father) as
thou doost by thy mightie power,
nourish, feede, sustaine, preserue,
and maintaine all liuing creatures,
yea, euen the very young fowles and
beastes, wee beseech thee to send vnto
vs thy chyldren, (ouer whom thou
hast a more speciall care) all thinges
necessarie for this our present life:
that we hauing sufficient, may walke
euery one in our calling, in sinceritie,
and pure holinesse before thy face, ac-
knowledging all our benefits of ri-
ches.

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thes, health, wealth, meate, drink, apparrell, and all our substance to be thy meere gyfts, bestowed vpon vs, and deliuered vnto vs from thine hands: that we be not drawne from thee, through setting our mindes too much vpon them, but so moderately blesse them, as thy benefites for a time bestowed vpon vs, knowing that thou wilt at our handes require an account how we haue bled them.

That wee doe not carefully gaze or seeke after them, but discretly to thy glorie blesse them, acknowledging in them thy goodnes and liberality towards vs. And seeing most mercifull Father, that it is not our trauell, labour, paines, studie, or endeavour which is able to gette vs our liuing, but onely in so much as it pleaseth thy goodnesse to blesse and prosper them: wee beseech thee, that if through our great trauaile and paines,

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gaines, wee be yet still poore, and in
meane estate, that thou wilt giue vs
a contented hart, knowing that there-
by thou lettest vs vnderstand, that it
is thy good will and pleasure, so to
keepe vs vnder, that wee moze effec-
tually may giue our selues to serue
thee. Or if it be thy will & pleasure,
moze aboundantly to blesse vs and
our trouaile, to sende vs aboumdance
of all thinges, wee beseech thee Deere
father, giue vs a thankfull hart to
acknowledge them to bee thy good
gifts: and frame our harts with such
liberalitie, that wee may be contented
to distribute them according to the
necessitie of thy childzen, being assu-
red that thou hast to this end made
vs stewards ouer them, that thou
maist at his hands require much, on
whom thou hast bestowed much: so
that wee hauing the due estimation
of thy benefites which wee ought to
hane,

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hane, may both reuerence thy goodnesse in thy benefits, and supply the want of our Brethren, to the reliefe of their necessitie, and furtherance of thy glory.

The fift petition.

*O Forgive vs our trespasses, as wee
forgive them that trespass a-
gainst vs.*

AND whereas most mercifull Father, thy Sonne our Lord and Saviour Christ Iesus, hath in our nature payde the raunsome and debt of all our sinnes, which we hane from the beginning of our life committed, and doe daily commit, wee beseech thy gracious goodnesse, that thou wilt by thy holy Spirit in our hearts, assure our soules and consciences,

Godly prayers.

sciences with a liuely fayth, that by
that same one alone sufficient sacri-
fice, the punishment of our sinne is
payde, thy wrath appeased, and thy
iustice satisfied, whereby our consci-
ences may be quieted, and set at peace
with thee our mercifull Father and
God.

Let vs, deere Father, feele in our
soules and consciences, that wee are
vnited and knit to thy deere son Je-
sus Christ, and made one bodie with
him, and heires with him of euerla-
sting glorie, so coupled and ioyned
with him, that wee are members of
his bodie, so that whatsoener he hath
dorne in his body, we may be assured
that it is ours: that his righteous-
nes is our righteousness, his sancti-
fication & holines is ours: the curse,
condemnation and death which hee
suffered, is the same curse, condem-
nation, and death due for our sinnes:
that

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that we knowing that our sinnes be
done away, and cleane forgotten and
forgiuen by thy mercifull loue and
goodnesse declared, in offering by thy
sonne to death for vs, we may be
giuen to loue thee vnfaignedly from
the bottome of our hearts, for this
thine vnspeakable loue. And con-
sidering that thou hast in mercie par-
doned so many our haynous offensa-
ces, we may gladly be moued to for-
giue one another theyr offences, and
put out of our heart all rancour, ma-
lice, and hatred towards our bre-
thren, knowing that wee are all mem-
bers of one bodie Christ our Saut-
our, that so surely as we haue forgit-
uen them that offend vs, we may be
so certainly assured, that our merci-
full Father, hath forgiven vs, like as
we haue forgiven our brethren.

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The sixt petition.

*G Lead vs not into temptation, but
deliuer vs from euill.*

AND for asmuch most heauen-
lie father, as wee of our selues
be feeble, fraile, and weake, and haue
a strong and subtile aduersarie sa-
than the deuill, who goeth about
continually like a roaring Lyon, sec-
king whom hee may deuoure: wee
beseech thee strengthen vs by thy
holie spirit, that wee may withstand
his subtile suggestions, and moti-
ons: holde thou vs by thy mercifull
hand, and keepe vs alwaies in thy
safegard and protection, that wee bee
not overcome in the mightie assaults
of our aduersarie. And forasmuch as
hee often bleseth euer our owne flesh
armed against vs, to conquer vs, wee
beseech

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beseech thee, deere father, mortifie,
subdue, and kill in our flesh all sub-
tile suggestions, and sinfull motions
of sathan, that wee yeelde not our
selues as slaues thereunto, but conti-
nually fight against them, and bring
them into subiection of the Spirit.
Graunt vnto vs, deere father, that
we may not be drawne through the
subtile and liely torments of sathan,
to haue our delight & pleasure in the
vanities of this present worlde, but
by thy grace, might, and power, may
so in the prosperitie of this life bee
vpholder, that our minds with full
ioy and comfort, may be lifted vp to
our perfect consolation in our Lorde
and Saviour Christ, & in him take
our full and perfect ioy and consol-
ation, so that no vaine delight of this
worlde put vs from the same, neither
any sharpe aduersity, as pouerty, mi-
sery, or calamity, through the malice
of

Godly prayers.

of the deuill, driue vs to despaire of
thy mercifull goodnes towards vs:
but alwayes beeing through thy hea-
uenly grace and assistance defended,
we may be fully and perfectly armed
against all the subtille intrappings of
sathan, and rest wholly in thy merci-
full defence and ayde. For thou hast
O lord and eternall G O D, in thy
gouernment, all thinges in heauen
and earth, all power and dominati-
on ouer all creatures, Angels, and
deuils, to rule them according to thy
good pleasure and will, to the profit
and commoditie of thy Church, and
euery faithfull member thereof, and
to thine owne incomprehensible glo-
rie: in all ages for euer and euer thy
glorious name may bee exalted, and
thy faithfull flocke comforted; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Godly prayers.

¶ A confession of sinnes, with
fayth and repen-
tance.



Mercifull and hea-
uently Father, We
thy seruants doe
humbly prostrate
our selues before
thy Maiestie, ac-
knowledging here
in thy sight, our haynous offences
committed against thy Maiestie, see-
ing and beholding thy heauie wrath
against them: Wee feele our selues
laden, O Lord our G O D, with a
huge companie of horrible sinnes,
whereof euen the berie least, being
but conceiued in thought, is suffi-
cient in iudgement to throwe vs
downe to the everlasting burning
Lake,

Godly prayers.

Make. Our owne consciences, O Lord, doe beare witnesse against vs, of our manifold transgressions of thy blessed Law, of our securitie and sencelesse blindnesse, running headlong to destruction, committing sinne after sinne, although not notorious to the world, yet horrible before thine eyes.

The thoughts of our hearts rise vp in iudgement against vs: the vanity of our talke before thy Maiesty condemneth vs, the wickednesse of our deedes from thy sight reiecteth vs: all our wicked thoughts, wordes, and deedes, with the inward corruption of our nature, doe altogether as it were a whole lump and load of sinne, lye heauie vpon vs, and with their intollerable waight doe euen presse vs downe to hell. We do daily groane vnder the burthen of them, inwardly lamenting our owne folly,

Godly prayers.

so greedily running into them. In
heauen, earth, or hell, wee see none a-
ble to sustaine the waight of them,
but euen thy deerey beloued Sonne
Iesus Christ, who in mercie infi-
nite, and compassion endlesse, hath
sustained and ouercome that endlesse
punishment due vnto them: in him
therefoze, in him, most mercifull Fa-
ther, and thzough him wee come to
thee beeing fully assured according to
thy promise, that thou wilt accept
and take that full recompence which
he thy deere sonne hath made for vs,
as a iust raunsome for the sinne of all
those, who with a true fayth take
hold on him. In him therefoze wee
see thine anger towards vs appea-
sed, thy wraath satisfied, & our debts
payde.

Increase in vs, good Lord, we be-
seech thee, this liuely & feeling fayth,
for wee feelee it oftentimes in vs be-

Godly prayers.

rie weake, and troubled with manie
doubts: increase it in vs, O Lord,
that we may through thy holy Spi-
rit be assured, that the punishment of
our sinnes is fully in thy Sonne dis-
charged. Make vs, O Lord, our
God, to feele this same in our soules
and consciences, that Iesus Christ
is ours, and all that hee hath doone:
that wee are grafted into his bodie,
and made one with him, and therefore
fellowe heires with him of euerla-
sting life. Let vs not only haue these
words in our mouthes good Lord,
but through thy holie spirit, let vs
feele the comfort of them in our harts
fully sealed and settled in vs: that wee
feeling our selues inwardly before
thy iudgement seate discharged, and
our consciences towards thee appea-
sed, may bee swallowed vp with an
vnfained loue toward thy heauenly
Majestie, and towards our byethe-

Godly prayers.

ren for thy sake. Make Sinne to die
in vs baillie more and more, that we
may hate, detest, and bitterly abhorre
all Sinne and wickednesse in all men,
but especially in our selues, that wee
may strongly, through thy holy spi-
rite, sette our selues in open warre
and defiance against all sin and wic-
kednesse: that wee please not our
selues in our sinnes, but straightly
examining sin by the iust rule of thy
holy lawes, wee may bitterly from
the bottoome of our hearts condemne
euen the least sinne in our selues, ha-
uing our whole ioy, comfort, and con-
solation vpon those things which be
agreesable to thy blessed Will, alwayes
being afraide to doe any thing con-
trarie to the same: that we may euen
from the bottoome of our hearts, exa-
mine and try our thoughts before
thy presence, that they be bright
and vnfained, not hypocriticall in
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outward shew onely and appearance, but that euen all corners of our harts beeing opened and disclosed before thee, we may euen as though it were openly before the face of the whole world, bring them in shew, knowing that a double hart is detestable in thine eyes: and that wee may walke alwayes, as before thine eyes, not onely before the eyes of man, beeing more carefull to walke circumspectly in this respect, that we haue thee to be a viewe of our doings, a thousand fold more then the eyes of man. That thus wee may walke as becommeth thy Children, not onely in outward shew, but also in sinceritie of hart, abhorring euen the least sin in our selues, struing, resisting, and fighting against sinne, not delighting our selues in sinne, nor nourishing the same in our breast, but earnestly embracing, and studiously seeking af-
ter

Godly prayers.

Let those things which bee pleasant
in thine eyes : that neyther the feare
of man, noꝛ losse of goods, life, landes,
possessions, oꝛ friends, draw vs away
from thee, to doe any least thing con-
trarie to thy will and pleasure : ney-
ther the fauour & friendship of man,
noꝛ yet the flattering inticements of
this woꝛlde, noꝛ the vaine promo-
tions of the same, doe mooue vs any
whit, from the true and endlesse ioy,
delight and pleasure, which we ought
to haue in those things which be a-
greeable to thy will, and the constant
perfoꝛmance of the same : but that
alwayes to the end of our life, wee
may continue in thy pathes, growing
and increasing from sayth to sayth,
from strength to strength, till at
length wee shall come to thine euer-
lasting rest. Amen.

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¶ A prayer for the prosperous estate of the whole Church.



Lord our God and
heavenly father, for
as much as by thy
holy word we are
commaunded in our
prayers, not onely
to bee mindfull of
our selues, but also of all others thy
children, yea euen of our enemies: we
commend vnto thy diuine Maiestie,
all thy whole true and Catholique
Church, and euerie member thereof:
that as it hath pleased thy goodnesse
by the bright beames of thy helie
word, to shine ouer the whole world,
whereby thou hast expelled, driuen
away, and caused to banish, the darke
and

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and mistie cloudes of ignorance and superstition: so thou wouldest vouchsafe by thy holie spirit to touch the harts of men, that they may ioyfullie embrace that thine so high a treasure sent amongst vs, that thzough our vnthankfulnes wee prouoke not thy Maiestie in anger to take it from vs.

Crush, bruse, and destroy with the breath of thy mouth, the mightie power of that man of sinne, which so proudly exalteth himselfe aboue all that is called God. Let not thy simple flocke, deere Father, in whose consciences he so long time hath, and yet dooth sit as God, be any longer poisoned with the sweete intycing paysons: but so lighten their harts, that they may perceiue his iuglings, and embrace the sweete and comfortable doctrine of life euermoring, reuealed in thy glorioius Gospell,

And

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And forasmuch as it hath pleased thee in mercie aboue all Nations of the earth, to poure downe the sweete showers of thy heauenly graces vpon this our English Nation abundantly, in more plentifull wise, watering the same with the gifts of thy holie Spirit, in promoting thy Gospell, and ouerthrowing Idolatry, we beseech thee continue thy fauour towards the same, and utterly roote out all remaners, reliques, and monuments of idolatry, that thy glorious Name may be thoroughly exalted, in sincere, pure, and holy worship. And as thou hast in mercie from amongst vs in this thy Church, utterly banished all false, benemous, and poysonfull doctrine, wherewith the soules of thy Children heretofore haue bene wounded to death, and in place thereof hast placed the true and comfortable doctrine of life euerslasting,

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lasting, wherewith the soules of thy
chyl dren bee fedde and nourished to
euerlasting ioy : so in like mercy and
fauour we beseech thee, deere father,
establiish in the same thy Church,
a true, perfect, and sincere regiment
thereof, according to the prescript
rule of thy blessed word, all fantasies
of mans brayne, and braynes of hu-
mane policie, vtterly abolished : that
thy glorious Maiestie onely may be
exalted in the light of thy glorious
Gospell : and that thy Church may
flourish and increase, beeing through
thy protection, aided, supported, main-
tained, and defended : we beseech thee
by thy holy spirit, guide and rule eu-
ery part and member thereof, espe-
ciallie thy seruante James, our
king, whom thy gracious fauour
and mercifull prouidence hath ap-
pointed a chiefe member in the same :
vnder whose winges, next vnto
thy

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thy protection it hath a cheefe succor
and support. Graunt vnto her (O
Lord) a pure & perfect zeale aboue all
thinges to promote thy glory: first
and chiefly in labouring and ende-
uouring of herselfe, earnestly in wi-
ping away, and purging out of thy
Church all blots, and deformities, to
reduce the same to a pure and sincere
forme of worship, agreeing to thy
blessed word, utterly to remoue all
stumbling blocks, which stay and
hinder the course of thy Gospel: giue
him in like manner, O Lord, the spi-
rit of wisdom, discretion, and go-
uernment, that with equitie and ius-
tice, hee may see this whole Realme,
which thou hast committed to his
charge, peaceably and quietly gouer-
ned: that she may studiously labour,
that as well through the whole
Realme vertue be exalted, and vice a-
bandoned: especially in her owne
house

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house and Court, that all wicked vanities of this world, all licentious and inordinate life, all flattering and dissimulation being utterly banished, the feare of thy glorious Majesty may so raigne in the hearts of all within his Pallace and Court, that their liues and conuersation may be agreeable to thy blessed will, in sinceritie and true holines, and integritie of life, that from them, as from the head, may shine puritie of life and conuersation, as an example and patterne of true godlines to the whole Realme.

Preserue him, wee beseech thee, good Lord, from all conspiracies and treasons, that if it be thy good will, he may haue a long and quiet raigne ouer vs, to the benefit of thy Church and aduancement of thy glory. In due the whole Counsell, good Lord, with true and perfect wisdom, that
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In all theſeꝛ conſultation and counſels, hauing thee preſent before their eyes, they may conſult of theſe things which principally and cheefeſly may be for the aduancement of thy glorie, and the commoditie of thy Church, and next for the quiet peace and gracious government of this Realme. So lighten all inferiour Magiſtrates of this Realme, good Lord, with the brightneſſe of thy holy ſpirit, that vnderſtanding thy wil, they may zealouſly defende, maintaine, and further the courſe of the Goſpell, with the ſworde of iuſtice, cut off the wicked, and cheriſh the godly.

Defend and gouerne by thy holy Spirit, the Paſtours of thy Church, and labourers in thy vineyard, that they may zealouſly, earneſtly, and diligently feede thy flock committed vnto them, with the ſcøde
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of life, thy blessed word, wherewith
their soules may bee nourished to life
enerlasting. Increase the number of
them, deere father, place ouer euerie
flocke, a godly, learned, and painefull
Pastor, who may painfully and care-
fully trauell euerie one in his charge,
to bring thy people (which nowe as
las in most parts doe wander and goe
astray, like lost sheepe) to the true
knowledge of their Lorde and God,
and of thy deere sonne Christ Iesus
their Saviour. And for thy mercie
we beseech thee, to take pittie vpon
thy poore and simple flocke, roote out
all rauening wolues which haue
craftily crept into the sheepfold, and
doe make hauock of the soules of thy
simple flocke. Cast out all hirzings,
time seruers, and dumbe dogges,
which to fill their bellies onely, haue
thrust themselves among thy sheepe,
and doe pittifully suffer the flocke of
Christ

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Studies set aſide, they may ſo fructifie
in all profitable and godly Sciences,
that hereafter they may become pro-
fitable members of thy Church, and
godly upholders of the Commons
wealth.

Grant (good Lord) to all the
whole commons of this Realme,
that their harts being touched with
a ſincere feare and reuerence of thy
heavenly Maieſtie, acknowledging
thy mercy in placing ouer them a
godly and religious Princeſſe, they
may euery one in their callings, walk
in all true and humble obedience vn-
to her, in thee & for thee without re-
ſiſtance, tumults, inſurrections, con-
ſpiracies, or rebellions: knowing,
that to reſiſt the higher powers, is to
rebell againſt thy Maieſtie. Finally
we beſeech thy goodnes, ſo to guide
ond gouerne the harts of all y^e whole
Realme, of euery degre, that euerie
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one in his calling, beeing by thy holy wisdom supported, may so occupie his Talent, that thy glory in all things may be aduanced, thy Church enlarged, and this whole Realme into sincere godlines: vertuously reduced.

Whereouer, wee beseech thee (O Lord our God) in mercie to behold all those which suffer persecution for thy glorious words sake, whether it be imprisonment, death, or banishment, or whatsoever else: strengthen them good Lord, that they hauing thee alwaies before their eyes, and the glory layd vp for them in the life to come, may continue constant in defending thy truth without feare of man, or baine allurements of the world, that whether it come by life or death, they may glorifie thy holy Name, in continuing in the truth to the end.

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Preserue in like manner sweete be-
seach thee, all others thy childzen,
whom it hath pleased thee with any
other kinde of Crosse to chasten for
theyr amendment, whether by pesti-
lence, famine, warre, pouertie, im-
prisonment, sicknesse, or banishment
trouble of conscience, vexation of
spirit, quietnesse of minde, want
of spirituall comfort, or whatsoeuer
kind of affliction of bodie or mindes,
thou doost try them with: that by
thy holie spirit being fully assured,
that thou by this thy correction min-
dest to call them backe to a feeling of
theyr sinne, and due consideration of
theyr life and conseruation, that they
may patiently abide thy fatherlic
triall looking for ayde, helpe, and
comfort from thee, when it seemeth
most conuenient to thy holy wis-
dome: and being by thy mercifull
hand once deliuered, may acknow-
ledge

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Sanne Iesus Christ, to take vpon
him whatsoeuer is due, to reconcile
and make vs at one with thee again.
In him therefore (good Lord) and
through him doe we come vnto thee,
beseeching thee for his sake, that wee
feeling the greuousnes of our sinnes,
and groaning vnder the burthen of
them, may feelee the release and ease
of them, in that wee be through thy
holy spirit assured, and stedfastly be-
leeue, that Christ hath borne the
burden of them. euen for vs. Grant
O Lord, that we being assured herer
of in our consciences, may through
thy holie Spirit be renewed in the
inner man, to hate, detest, and abhorre
sinne, and to studie to liue according
to thy blessed will during our whole
life.

Wee doe not onely pray for our
selues, but also for all thy wh.
Church, especially such as be per-
secuted

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recuted for thy word: Graunt vnto them, that whether it be by death or life, they may glorifie thy Name to their liues end. Be mercifull to this Church of England and Ireland: Wee beseech thee good Lord, and preserve euery part and member of the same, especially thy seruau't James our gracious soueraigne, grant him all such gifts as bee needfull for so high a calling, to the aduancement of thy glorie, and benefit of this common wealth, to the establishing of a perfect gouernment of thy Church, according to the prescript rule of thy blessed word, to the rooting out of all superstition & reliques of Antichrist, to the governing of his subiects in all peace and tranquillitie.

Defend him, O Lord, from all conspiracies, treasons, and rebellions: and so worke in the hearts of his subiects, that knowing his
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Reckge thy singular power and worke,
giuing all land and praise to thy glo-
rious Name: and afterwards all the
dayes of theyr life, studie and liue be-
fore thee, in sinceritie and perfect ho-
linesse, euen to their liues end. This
O Lorde, wee beseech thee in mercy
to graunt, for thy beloued Sonnes
sake, Iesus Christ our Lord and
only Saviour.
Amen.

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¶ Morning prayer for priuate houses and families.



Gracious God and louing Father, according to thy commandement, we do here present our selues before thy Moste, humbly prostrating our selues before the throne of mercie, acknowledging and confessing from the bottome of our hearts, that wee be miserable sinners, daillie breaking thy commandements, both in thought, word, and dede, whereas we iustly deserve everlasting damnation, & to be utterly throwne from thy presence: yet, O Lord, wee see thy goodnes againe towards vs, who not suffering vs thus to perish in our sinnes, hast sent thine owne deere sonne

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And as thou hast safely preserved
vs vnto this present houre from all
the dangers of this life: so wee be-
seech thee continue thy fauour to-
wards vs this day, and the whole
course of our life. Defend vs, O
Lord, that wee now entring into the
assayes of this day, be not drawne
away with the vaine allurements of
this world, to sinne and wickednes:
that wee walke not in the shadow of
death, that wee be not intangled in
the snares of sinne, that wee stumble
not at the blockes of iniquitie, that
wee finally fall not into the pit of
death, and destruction: but being
shadowed vnder thy wings, we may
cheerefully and constantly goe on
forward to the end of our course.
Graunt vnto vs, O Lord our God,
that this good time which thou gran-
test vnto vs in this life: be not idle,
or vaine of vs consumed, but
that

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
that euerie one of vs may bee diligently exercised in his calling this day, and all our life long, beeing assured, that thou wilt once call vs to geelde an account of our Stewardship: indue vs we beseech thee, with those gifts and graces which be needfull for vs in our calling, and that with a pure and sincere conscience, we may vse them to the benefit of our Brethren, and discharge of our owne consciences, before thy Maiestie. we beseech thee, O Lord, that in all our consultations, wordes, and woorkes this day, and the whole course of our life, we may alwayes haue thee present before our eyes, knowing that thou seest euen the beerie deepe thoughts of our hearts, which alwayes may be as a bridle to pull vs backe, that we neyther doe nor yet consent vnto any sinne or wickednesse: but that alwayes wee may

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authoritie dooth come from thy hea-
uenlie Maieſtie, they may with obe-
dient harts humbly obey him in thee
and for thee. Preſerue the whole
Counſell, and the Magiſtrates of
this Realme, that beeing lightened
through thy holy ſpirit, they may zea-
louſly endeavour to defend thy truth,
ſuppreſſe wickednes, and maintaine
equitie. Behold all the Paſtors and
Preachers of thy Word, bleſſe theſe
labours, increaſe the number of them
place ouer euery Church a painfull
watchman, remooue all idle lubbers,
and confounde the power of Ante-
chriſt, and turne the harts of the peo-
ple, that they may be obedient to thy
truth.

Bleſſe the two Vniuerſities, Cam-
bridge and Oxforde, and all the ſtu-
dents of the ſame. with al the ſcholes
of learning. Behold all thoſe that
be afflicted with any kinde of croſſe,
that

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that they may profit by thy correction
in newnes of life. 

Dailie, for our selues heere gathered together, we hartily craue at thy hands, that it would please thee to make vs thankfull vnto thy Maie-
stie for all thy louing kindnes shewed vnto vs euen from our infancie, especially, that thou hast this present night deliuered vs from all dangers, both of bodie and soule, wherewith many haue fallen, as we in like manner should haue doone, if we had not been stayed with thy mercifull hand, that thou hast also graunted vnto vs so sweet and comfortable rest, and hast now presently brought vs vnto the beginning of this day. For these thinges, good Lord, we pcele vnto thee most hartie thanks, beseeching thee to make vs more and more dailie thankful vnto thy Maiesty for them, and pardon our vnthankfulness.

And

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may be so exercised in the assayes of this life, that we looke still to the end of our course, when it shall please thee to bring vs through the pilgrimage of this life, to our everlasting rest with thy deere Sonne Iesus Christ our Saviour. In whose name for these mercies and whatsoever thou knowest to be needfull for vs, and for the whole Church, wee pray vnto thee, as hee himselife hath taught vs in his holie word, saying: Our Father which art, &c.

The Lord blesse vs and saue vs, the Lord make his face to shine vpon vs, and be mercifull vnto vs, the Lord turne his fauourable countenance toward vs, and graunt vs his peace.

The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, the loue of God the Father, and the most comfortable fellowship of the holy Ghost be with vs, preserve

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serue and keepe vs this day and e-
more. Amen.

Euening Prayer for priuate houses and fami- lies.

O Gracious God and louing
father, &c, As in the be-
ginning of the morning
Prayer, reading so forth,
till yee come to this marke.

¶ Then read this following for
the evening.

Lastly, for our selues heere gathe-
red, we render most hartly thanks to
thy Maiesty (**O** Lord) which hast
hitherto from our infancy, preserved
vs by thy mercy from all perills and
dangers both of soule and bodie,
whereunto fraile man is subiect, that
thou

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thou hast sent vnto vs all things necessary for this present life, as health, foode, apparrell, and such like, which many of thy deere children doe want being notwithstanding as precious bought with thy precious blood of thy deere sonne, as we be, and yet lie in miserie and calamitie, oppressed with pouertie, nakednes, imprisonment, and banishment, in which case also, deere Father, thou mightest haue brought vs, saue onely that thou dealest herein more fauourably with vs, then with them. For the which thy louing kindness wee giue thee hartie thanks, desiring thee, that as thou hast hetherto thus fauorably in mercie preserved vs by thy protection, and euen presently this day hast brought vs past all dangers thereof: so wee beseech thee good Lord in like fauour behold vs this night, that wee taking our naturall
rest

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rest and quietnes, may through thy protection bee defended, that our bodies resting, our soules may bee occupied in beholding thy fauour and mercie toward thy children, still looking for the comming of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ for our full redemption. Graunt that our sleepe bee not immoderate, according to the lust of our flesh, but as much as is sufficient to refresh our weake nature: that beeing thus refreshed, both the bodie and the minde may be more able to doe their senerall office and function, in that vocation wherewith thou hast placed vs.

Graunt that we laying our bodies downe to rest, may be thereby put in minde of our long rest of death: that as we doe now lay downe our bodies in bed, so wee may be thereby admonished that heereafter they shall bee layd downe in graue, to be consumed
of

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to dust, earth and ashes, from whence they were taken: That we hauing this befoze our eyes, may be stirred vp in mind warily to walke in this our pilgrimage, not knowing when the time shall bee of our departure, but alwaies to be found readie with our lamps of pure faith, cleerely burning, that we may bee accepted to meete the bzidegroom, when our mortall, earthly, and coꝛruptible bodies shall be made like to the glorious bodie of our Lord and Saviour Christ Iesu, there to raigne with him in perpetuall ioy and consolation, together with all the elect children of God, continually lauding with all heauenly multitude, the glorious Maiesty of thee our Lord God and heauenly Father, in our Lord and Saviour Iesu Christ. For these and whatsoener else thou knowest to bee needfull for vs, and thy whole
I Church,

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Church, wee pray vnto thee, as hee
himselfe hath taught vs, saying:
Our Father, &c.

The Lord blesse vs and saue vs,
the Lord make his face to shine vpon
vs, and bee mercifull vnto vs: the
Lord turne his fauourable counte-
nance vnto vs, and graunt vs his
peace. The grace of our Lord Je-
sus Christ, the loue of God the Fa-
ther, and the most comfortable fel-
lowship of the holy Ghost, bee with
vs, preserue and keepe vs this
night and euermore.

Amen.

Godly prayers.

¶ A prayer to bee sayde before
the studying or reading of the
holy Scripture.



Heauenly Father,
whatsoever I am,
whatsoever I haue
what so euer I
know, it is onely
by thy grace: for
by nature I am
the child of wrath, & I am not borne
a new of flesh & blood, neither of the
seede of man, or of the will of man.
Flesh & blood cannot reueale the mi-
steries of thy heauenly kingdom vn-
to mee, but by thy blessed will I am
that I am, & by the same know I
I know. Therefore, O Father, doe
I commit into thy hands onely, my
saluation. If my knowledge be smal

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yet I doubt nothing but that I am
the child of thy euerlasting kingdom:
and therefore by thy mightie power
I shall growe when it shall be thy
good will and pleasure, to a more
full and riper knowledge, as of a
more perfect age, wherein my fayth
shall be fully able to comprehend and
perceau the breadth, depth, heigth,
and largenesse of thy great mercies
and gracious promises. But seeing,
O father, this power of full know-
ledge and perfect reuelation, passeth
all power naturall, and remaineth
onely in thy power, and the light of
thy spirit: O Lorde, doe thou what-
soeuer it shall please thee, to open vn-
to mee, and all the rest of thine elect
seruaunts and childzen, depending
vpon thee, so much of the light of thy
countenance, as may be most for thy
glozie and our comfort, yea, and at
such time as shall seeme good to thy
wisdom

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Wisedome and fatherlie mercy. In the meane while thus resting wholly vpon thee, neither can I despayre, neither will I bee too much carefull, although I cannot attaine to the knowledge of many of thy workes, neither to the vnderstanding of many places of thy scriptures. But I will confesse vnto thee the weakenes of my fayth, wayting alwayes for the further reuealing of thy glorious light to be vttered vnto mee thy poore seruant, when thou shalt thinke (of thy fatherlie beneuolence and goodnes) meete and conuenient. I knowing most assuredly, that thou wilt pittie my weake imbecilitie and childish infancie, and cause the same to serue for thy glory, and my great commoditie: seeing that I erre as a childe before such a Father, which canst not put off thy fatherlie pittie and compassion, but rather as thou

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hast bought mee vnto thee, to bee an
heire of thy kingdome by the bloude
of thy naturall sonne my sanioꝝ Ie-
sus Christ: so am I sure that thou
wilt lighten me in the end, with full
fruition of the bright light of thy
countenance, that I may see thee, and
knowe thee as this thy sonne know-
eth thee: yea, see thee and knowe thee
my ffather face to face, and knowe
thee as I am knowne. Thus rest I
onely in thy handes (O my God)
craving of thee to increase my know-
ledge in thy holy word, whereby I
may knowe thy good will and plea-
sure. And knowing the same, giue
mee, O Lord, thy holy spirite to con-
duct and leade mee in the same all the
daies of my life, that in sinceritie of
faith, and purenesse of liuing and
conuersation, thy glorious Maiesty
be magnified in me for ever. Graunt
this (O ffather) for thy dearly be-
loved

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loued Sonne our Sauour Iesus
Christ, to whom with thee, and the
holy Ghost, be all honour, glory, and
praise, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer and thanksgiuing to
be said before and after
meate.

Prayer before meate.

O Lord God and heavenly fa-
ther, in thy beloued sonne
Iesus Christ, worke in our
harts true repentance, with
increase of a true and liuely
faith: make vs thankfull vnto thy
Maiestie for all thy benefits which
we continually receiue at thy mer-
cifull hand: graunt vs grace, that
we may at this present with thank-
full

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full harts, as from thy handes receiue meate and drinke for the sustenance of our bodies, with moderation vse them to thy glory, and through thy blessing, receiue by them perfect nourishment. And aboue all wee craue at thy handes, good Lord, the heauenly foode of our soules, which neuer perrisheth: that through thy gracious goodnes, we may be nourished and strengthened both in our soule & bodie to eternall life, through Iesu Christ our Lord, who liueth and raigneth cuer one God, world without end,
Amen.

Thanks.

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Thanks-gining after meate.



Eternal God and mercifull father, we yeld unto thee most hartly thanks for all thy benefits so plentifully bestowed vpon vs: especially that thou hast at this present fed and nourished our mortall bodies with meate and drinke: wee beseech thee in like manner let our soules feele the sweete tast we being fed, and that we being fed and nourished at thy hands, both in soule and bodie, may in this life walke as it becommeth thy childzen, and in the life to come, be receiued to thine eternall kingdome of glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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A prayer before meate.

O Mercifull and heauenly Father,
who giuest foods to euery liuing
creature, and without whom no-
thing can liue, blesse and sanctifie
our meates and drinckes, which wee
are now about to receiue, that they
may turne to the nourishment of our
bodies, whereunto thou hast ap-
pointed them: that wee acknowledg-
ing thy gracious goodnes in proui-
ding so liberally for our bodies, may
with chærefull harts bee lifted vp
earnestly to long after the food of our
soules, whereby we may be fed eter-
nally through Iesus Christ our sa-
uiour. Amen.

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¶ A thanksgiuing after meate.

O Heauenly Father, for these thy
benefites wherewith thou hast
now sufficiently fedde our bodies,
wee beseech thee make vs thankfull.
And as wee feele the sweetnes of the
pleasant to our bodies: so wee be-
seech thee (good Lord) that the foode
of our soules may be as pleasant and
comfortable vnto our soules, and
that wee may with as carefull harts
prouide for the nourishment of our
soules, as we are careful for our bo-
dies, till it shall please thy Maiestie
to bring vs to the place, where wee
shall neuer hunger nor thirst more,
but liue eternally through Christ
our Saviour. Amen.

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A prayer before meate.

O Lord our God and heavenly Father, which hast provided meate and drinke for the nourishment of our bodies, giue vs grace to vse them reuerently from thy handes with thankfull harts. And as we doe greatlie hunger and thirst for this foode of our bodies, so we beseech thee, good Lord, that our soules may earnestlie hunger after the like foode and nourishment, that with earnest mindes wee may seeke to haue our soules fed and refreshed eternally, through our onely Lord and sauiour Iesus Christ.

So be it.

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A Thanksgiuing after meate.

Wonderfull is thy prouidence, O
Lorde, in preserving all living
creatures. Graunt vs grace wee
beseech thee, that with thankfull
hearts wee may acknowledge thy
bountifull goodnes, so liberally gi-
uing vnto vs all thinges needfull,
especially feeding vs so plentifully at
this present with thy manifold bles-
sings, whereof a great manie of
our brethren are destitute, as in like
manner we should be, if thou diddest
not deale moze liberally with vs:
grant vs therefore, gracious Lord,
that we may be thankful for this thy
goodnes, and to be mindfull of them,
which haue not such abundance to
relæue them: that being all members
of

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of one bodie, we may at length reaign
with our head Christ, to whom bee
all honour and glory, world without
end. Amen.

T A thanksgiving after the re-
ceiuing of our bodily sustenance
and reading of some part of
Gods holy word, our spiritu-
all foode.



T Lord our God the
onely giuer of all
good gifts, who of
thy great mercies
hast made vs par-
takers both of hea-
uenly giftes of thy
holy word, to feede our minds, and
of thine earthly creatures for the ne-
cessary sustenance of our weake bo-
dies:

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Dies : graunt wee beseech thee that
through thy grace, these thy giftes
may be made perfect vnto vs: giue
strength vnto our meate, that it may
be our healthful nourishment, not to
breede in vs any carnall desire of our
baine life, but to enable our bodies
to all good woorkes, during the time
of this present pilgrimage, that so
thy good creatures may bee our good
reliefe, so long as thou wilt, and so
much as thou knowest to be expedient
for vs thy seruants, to finish our
dayes which thou hast numbred, in
the edifying of thy saints, and glorifying
of thy holy name. And because
(O Lord) we know nothing of our
seines, but our ignorant harts are
full of darknes, therefore we beseech
thee, that this thy word (which is
thine eternall wisdom) that now
we haue read, (and wherein we haue
had our conference) may bee in our
minds

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inlundes a shining light of thine onely
truth, and in our harts a fruitefull
seede of our newe birth, so that thine
owne image may bee happily againe
restored in vs, and we may be made
before thee a holy and righteous peo-
ple, by the inward working of thy
gracious spirit, daillie strengthening
our hearts with earnest loue of thy
truth, and carefulle obedience of thy
commaundements, through Iesus
Christ our onely Mediatour, who
in the sacrifice of his own body, hath
purchased vnto vs all thy fauour,
and hath giuen vs this boldnesse to
call vppon thee: vnto whom, O fa-
ther, with thee and the holy Ghost,
be honour and glorie, world
without ende.

Amen.

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¶ A prayer for all times.

O Lord God, Father of mercie,
and **G O D** of all consolation,
without whom wee haue neyther
hope nor comfort, wee poore wretched
and miserable sinners beseech thee
of thy fatherly goodnesse, to looke
vppon vs, and to make vs parta-
kers of thy gracious goodnesse, so
that euermore wee may set forth
thine honour and glory: let our con-
uersation be such, that a great many
beholding our good woorkes, may glo-
rifie thee our heauenly Father: and
so direct our waies, that wee may
hold forth the profession of thy Gos-
pell, as a Lanterne to lighten the
steps of a great many, that they may
turne to thee and praise thy name in
their visitation. Thus (**O Lord**)

¶

we

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We beseech thee to deale with vs, that
in deed we may be vessels of honour
vnto thee, now to set forth the prayse
of thy Name, and after this transi-
torie life, to beholde thy glory, who
hast immortalitie alone, and dwellest
in light, that no man hath approached
vnto: remove farre from vs our
sinnes and iniquities, that they may
not seperate betweene vs and thee:
blotte out of vs our offences, and
make our prayers righteous, that
thou mayest fauourably graunt our
requests: looke vpon vs with thy
fauourable mercie, that thou mayest
haue pittie vpon vs, and behold vs
in the righteousness of thy beloued
sonne Christ Iesus, and that we
may bee presented faultlesse in thy
sight: and thou accepting vs as ho-
lie, we may finde the grace euermore
to set forth thine honor & glory, and
to speake of thy prayles in the midst
of

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of all thy people.

Let vs loue, O Lord, the things that are good, and hate the things that are euill, let vs delight in all things that may please thee, and let vs bee grieved with whatsoeuer is displeasing in thy sight. And to the intent wee may haue true vnderstanding, and be able to discerne betwene things, what is good or euill; wee beseech thee let thy worde dwell in vs plentifully, that it may guide our vnderstandings, so that wee may as bound in all knowledge, and doe according to that which is righteous. And in this estate of true Christianitie, being instructed in minde, and readie in bodie in all holie obedience, we beseech thee make vs to grow and increase from grace to grace, from fayth to fayth, untill we come vnto the fulnesse of age to be perfect members of the body of Christ, waiting

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for the blessed hope of thine elect, and sighing in spirit vntill the time that thy childzen be reuealed.

In the meane season, let vs sigh with all those that haue receiued the first frutes of thy spirite, that these daies of Anne may cease, that sathan be troden downe vnder fete, that Antichrist may bee reuealed, yet to many thousands that bee in ignorance, that the number of thine elect may be full, the bodie of thy Saints made perfect, all teares wiped from our eyes, euen then when thy sonne shal appeare the second time to iudge the quicke and the deade, which time (O Lord) send quickly, according to thy good will, and teach vs to pray with all thy Saints. Come Lord Iesu, come quickly: grant this, O most mercifull Father, for thy sonnes sake, in whose name wee pray vnto thee. And although we be but earth
and

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and alhes, yet we are bold to say vn-
to thee, the **G D D** of all glozy, euen
as hee hath taught vs. Our Father
which art in heauen. &c.

¶ A prayer for all estates,



LORD **G D D** Father of
light, with whom is no
change, neyther yet sha-
row of change, but hast
established thyne ap-
pointed counsels, which
shall not be changed for euer: thou
D God, hast made among vs this
diuersitie of estates and degrees, ac-
cording as euery Common-wealth
needfully requireth, keepe vs all, we
beseech thee, that wee may walke o-
bediently in our calling, and follow
the steppes that thou hast set before
vs, euen from the highest to the lowe-

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est: let vs accomplish that duty vnto which thou hast appointed vs, and with a faithfull remembrance of thy promise made of old to our father Abraham, that thou art his exceeding great reward, we may likewise depend on thy prouidence, and not seek any shamefull wayes to get our living, wandring from the righteousness of our vocation, into the manifold errors of Sinne and iniquitie: looke vpon vs, O Lord, and enrich vs with thy grace, make vs obedient to our inferiours, mecke towards our enemies, faithful to our friends, true and iust towards all men, that wee may dwell stedfastly rooted in the hope of thine elect: vntill thou shalt make an end of all our labours: looke vpon our most excellent King, and his highesse honourable Counsell, and as thou hast called them to the highest roomes, so giue

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giue vnto them the greatest measures
of grace, that they faithfullly dispence
the Talents committed vnto them:
Lead them with the good King Da-
uid into the sanctuarie, that they may
see thy louing kindness, which is
better then life, and say with the
Prophet: All flesh is grasse, and the
glory of man is as the flower of the
field, and so consecrate themselves to
doe thy will, offer by their bodies to
be holie, liuely, and reasonable sacri-
fices vnto thee, that they may be nur-
ses & nurs-fathers vnto thy Church:
Looke also wee beseech thee vpon the
Ministers, whom thou hast appoin-
ted to the preaching of thy Gospell,
make them, O God, faithfull dis-
pencers of thy misteries, without res-
pect of persons, to do the worke vn-
to which thou hast appointed them,
that they may conuert sinners, and
haue their glory perfect in the day of
Christ:

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Christ: and knit vs together in peace
and loue, that they may be full of cō-
passion one towards another, to re-
ioyce with them that reioyce, and
mourne with them that mourne, e-
specially to instruct one another in
the way of righteousness, that by our
mutuall helpe wee may the better
withstand our enemye, and dwell safe
in hope of thy elect, till our dayes shal
be full, & we shall walke in the waies
of all the worlde, which time wee be-
seech thee bring vs happily vnto, euen
for thy sonnes sake, wee beseech thee,
to whom with thee & the holy Ghost,
three persons and one God, be all ho-
nour and glory, nowe and for euer-
more. Amen.

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A forme of morning prayer,
necessarie for the present time,
for all godly Christians, to
vse in their houses and
families.



Into thee most hea-
uenly Father, do we
giue humble & hartie
thanks, for the sweet
and quiet rest that
wee haue had this
night, for the lo-
uing and fauourable delineraunce
out of all dangers both of body and
soule, which wee iustly deserue to be
throwne into for our manifold sins:
for that thou hast raised vs vp this
mornning, wee pray thee to goe before
vs: and forasmuch as thou seest our
Auga

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Inggliness, and drounes, it would please thee, good Lord, to pull vs after thee and to shew vs those wayes, which thou hast appointed vs to walke in. And as thou renewest this morning, so renew thy mercies: and as thou causest the sun comfortable to shine to our bodily eyes, so bouchsafe, wee pray thee, to be sunne vnto our bodies and soules, by the beames of thy holy Spirit, and starre of thy blessed Word, shining in the midst of our hearts, to driue away all the night and darknes of all prophanenes: to chase away all want of true feare of thy good Maiestie: and in place thereof, bring in loue towards thy glorie, zeale of thy house, loue also towards our brethren: especially those that thou aboue the rest commendest vnto vs, that we may loue them with that loue where-with thou hast first loued vs: which is pure, vncorrupt, vehement

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ment, and euerlasting: and therefore
wee pray thee to rid our hearts of all
naughtie and corrupt ioue, and what
soeuer is vnmeet to bee in those vessels
that are to serue such a mighty
Prince as thou art: and in our Sa-
uiour Iesus Christ, vnto the which
example, in those houses wherein it
pleaseth thy Maestie by thy holy
Spirit to dwell: and therefore on the
other side, good Lord, chase away from
vs all rancor and malice, all pride, en-
uiousnes, vncharitablenes, vnchari-
tallnes, vnkindnes, and whatsoeuer
is contrarie to that loue, whereof
thou hast giuen vs a liuely example,
graunt, good Lord, that we may al-
wayes haue our eyes lifted vp, and
therein holden, and caused thereby to
profite, vntill such time as we come
vnto that perfection, whereunto thou
hast appointed we shal come. Touch-
safe, mozeouer by the comming of the
selfe

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selfe same spirit, to scatter in vs all
the night and darknes of ignozance,
and forgetfulnesse, and of all those
things which pertaine to the clearer
and fuller knowledge of thy truth.
Take frō vs all negligence, all want
of iudgement and discretion, and de-
liuer vs from all those things which
thou knowest to bee hindzances to
vs, eyther to walke in that great cal-
ling of Christianitie, whereunto
thou hast called vs, or in those seue-
rall and particuler callings, wherein
thou hast placed euery one of vs:
that we may walke so (good Lord)
both in the one and in the other, that
thy name may bee glorified in both.
Amen,

Eue-

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¶ Euening prayer.

O Lord, prepare our hartes to pray, bowe downe thine eare (deere father) and heare vs, open thine eyes, and looke vpon vs for thy deere sonne Iesus Christs sake, and receiue our humble confession, that wee make to thee against our selues, which haue broken all thy lawes, and therefore deserue to haue thy heauie iudgements powred vpon our heads, to our bitter destruction, if thou shouldest enter into iudgement with the least of our sinnes, whereof wee haue so great & infinite thousands: notwithstanding wee pray to thee to turne away thy face from our sinnes, and for Iesus Christes sake, to forgiue vs all that is past, and
grant

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grant that wee may haue the assurance of the forgiveness of our sinnes, sealed by thy holie Spirit in our consciences, whereby wee knowing that wee are at one with thee, may haue our hearts kindled with thy loue so feruently, as it may waite in vs all that is against thy holy will. And for this cause (wee beseech thee Lord) to goe forward in the work of our new birth, that thou hast begun in vs, and neuer take away thy hand vntill such time as thou hast made an end of it: and to this ende, wee beseech thee to stay in vs euery day, more and more, the old man with his concupiscences, naying them to the Crosse of thy deere sonne Iesus Christ: and causing vs to feele the power of his passion in our bodies and in our soules, that wee being partakers thereof, may come also to the fellowship of his resurrection: not

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not only in that we shal once appeare
before thee. hauing these our base bo-
dies changed, and made like vnto his
glozious bodie: but also that wee
may in the meane time, rise from the
death of sinne to all newnesse of life,
and that our good woorkes may so
shine before men, that they seeing
them, may glozifie thee our heauenlie
Father, not only they that are of the
selfe same religion with vs, but those
also that are enemies vnto thy truth,
may rather in the time of theyr cal-
ling by the voyce of thy gospell, rec-
tifie themselves to be one sheepfold with
vs. And wee most humbly thanke
thee, O heauenly Father, for all thy
louing kindnes bestowed vpon vs
from time to time, and especially for
that old and auncient loue, where-
withall thou hast loued vs from the
beginning of the world: for that also
that thou callest vs by the voyce of
thy

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my holy Gospel in that good time
that thou hast appointed for vs, hast
giuen vs faith, hope, and loue, and
all other graces which thou knowest
to be needefull for vs: which wee
beseech thee to increase in vs with
mightie increases, according to that
thou seest wee haue neede of, hauing
regard to our manifold enemies, that
we haue to wrestle with: and that
we haue not to strue with flesh and
blood; but against the devils them-
selues. And therefore, considering
their strength, and our weakenesse,
their craft, and our simplicitie, their
watchfulnesse, and our sluggishnesse,
their long experience and our raw-
nesse, their preparation and our na-
kednesse, and that we haue not onely
nothing to helpe vs, but also do carry
about vs our owne concupiscences,
readie to betray vs into the hands
of our enemies: it may please thee to
furnish

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furnish vs from aboue, giuing vs
the strength of thy holy spirite in the
inner man, reaching vnto vs the
cōpleat harness of thy grace, wher-
with we being armed on both sides,
may be prepared to all assaies against
all assaults of our enemies. And for-
asmuch as in this weakenes we of-
tentimes giue backe, and sometimes
runne away, wee pray thee (O Lord)
that with the hand of faith, we may
lay hold on the victorie of our Sa-
uiour Iesus Christ, that albeit we
be not able to ouercome in our owne
persons, yet notwithstanding we
may ouercome in his, who hath s-
uercome for vs all: and so bee made
partakers of those promises that
thou hast knit vnto that glorious
victorie. And we humbly thank thee
also for these graces both of the bo-
die and soule, which pertaine to this
present life: desiring thee to increase
A. them

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them vpon vs, and in vs so far forth
as thou seest we haue need of, to thy
glozy, the commoditie of others, and
our owne comforts. Therefore, wee
beseech thee Lord, to teach vs with
thy holy spirit the lawfull vse of the:
that thou wouldest not suffer our
hearts to be rooted in them, but that
at all times wee may bee willing to
part from them. And whensoever it
shall please thee to call for vs, wee
may willingly go vnto thee, as chil-
dren to their deere fathers, stran-
gers vnto their owne country, and
members of the body vnto the head:
and so much the gladder, by how
much thou Lord art better then all
the men of the world, and the king-
dome which thou hast prepared, bet-
ter then all the kingdomes that are
vpon the earth.

¶ An

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An addition to the former morning prayer, as time and leysure shall serue.



Ve pray not onely for our selues (O most mercifull Father) but for all those that thou hast appointed to eternall life : beseeching thee to gather the number of those that are to bee gathered : those that thou hast already called, thou wouldest alwaies keepe : and to this ende (good Lord) raise vp faithfull Ministers both of thy Church & commonweale, whose hearts thou wouldest fill with all graces of thy holy Spirit meete for their callings, meete
also

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also for these dangerous times: roote out from among thy Church, all rauening and deuouring Beastes, which to fill their owne bellies, destroy thy flocke. Case thy selfe of all hirclings and idle shepheards, which haue no care nor skill to feede thy flocke with the holosome foode of thy bleiſed word, nor to rule them with that equitie wherewithall thou wilt haue thy people to bee ruled: those Pastors that thou hast giuen, it would please thee to increase the number of them: those that are fallen a sleepe and carried away with the corruptions of these times, that thou wouldest awake, letting them vnderstand the charge that thou hast committed vnto them, the trust that thou hast put them in, and the account that thou wilt take at their hands. Be gracious (O Lord) vnto this Land of ours, and enter not into.

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into iudgment with the horrible sins
of it, namely, the contempt and light
esteeming of thy holy sword, so many
peeres offered vnto vs, & we being
trusted withall, so many Nations
better then we being passe by, which
would haue brought forth the fruite
thereof more then we haue done:
and we not only haue brought forth
no good fruite, but rotten and busa=
uozp, to prouoke thy Maestie with
all. Notwithstanding, all these our
sinnes, it would please thee in that
loue, wherewithall thou hast first
loued vs, when we hated thee, and in
that long patience wherin thou hast
hetherto borne with vs, and dost
yet beare, and carriest for our repen=
tance, to graunt vs hartie and ear=
nest repentance, our harts being ef=
fectually touched with thy holy spi=
rite, striking these rocky hartes of
ours, that they may be resolued into

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riuers of teares for our sinnes, making them soft and make to receaue the print of thy holy word, & seale of thy blessed spirit, writing with thy finger thine owne lawes in them, so that thou mayst reade thine owne hand, acknowledge thine owne seale, and so passe by vs, when thou shalt bring thy iudgement vpon the face of the earth, for the iniquities thereof: whereof thou hast giuen, & still giuest from time to time diuers tokens, which we beseech thee may be profitable vnto vs, whilst first of all we acknowledge thy hand striking vs, and thy counsell calling vs thereby to repentance, that thy heauie iudgements do not fall vpon vs to our vtter destruction.

Moreouer, we thanke thee, O Lord, for that it hath pleased thee to be the watchman, and as it were the spie of this Church and common weale,

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weale, and hast foreseene all the
stormes, and treasons comming a-
gainst it, and against thine annoy-
ned our Soueraigne whom thou in
mercy hast appointed to rule ouer
it, and hast scattered them & brought
them to naught, and hast pursued
certaine of thine enemies and ours
vnto death, beseeching thee to conti-
nue this watchfull and carefull eye
ouer vs, still to doe vs good, and to
pursue the rest of thine enemies and
ours vnto the graue: giuing not-
withstanding, repentance vnto the,
vnto whom thou hast left place of
repentance. And to this end, rayse
vp the harts of our most gracious
King, and his honourable coun-
sell thy Magistrates, that as they
sit in thy seate, and are called by thy
Name, so they may execute thy iu-
stice, which thou so well approouest
of, whereof also thou wilt require a
straight

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straight account at their hands. Wee desire thee also to show these thy graces to all other Churches of thine, namely, thy Church in Scotland, that it may enjoy that peace that thou hast giuen it: and graunt that the same be referred to the end wherof thou hast giuen it: namely, to the full establishment of the throne of thy deere sonne our Saviour Iesus Christ, and to the building of his kingdome there. Wee beseech thee also for the Churches, which thy hand hath planted long since: especially those, from whom we haue receiued knowledge in time of our ignorance, places of refuge in time of persecuti- on: that it would please thee to con- tinue thy louing kindnesse towards them, and therefore cause them to continue their faith towards thee, and obedience towards thy holy word. And whensoever it shall be
thy

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thy pleasure, to trye them with any kind of affliction, it would please thee to graunt vnto them, that they may put their trust in thee, hauing regard to the truth of thy promises, & to the good experience that they haue of thy helpe in times past, and thereby conceiue comfort and hope, O Lord, euen of life in death, and of saluation in destruction. We pray thee also, good Lord, that wee may haue the feeling of our brethzen, as members of the same body, and those that liue by the same spirit. And therefore wee pray thee, that according to the manifold troubles that thou shalt visite them with, it would be thy good pleasure, to measure out thy grace in such plentifull manner, that thy children may patiently beare, and ioyfully attend, for the good houre wherein thou wilt pull them out of all their troubles. And especially wee pray thy
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Majestie for our brethren that are afflicted for thy Gospell sake: namely, those that suffer imprisonment, or otherwise in any Nation, for the clearer testimony of it: that it would please thee to give them patience in all their troubles, wisdom, and mouthes, to defend thy cause, against all those that rise up against it: that thou wouldest bless their travails and sufferings for that, for which they are taken: which is, to give a freer, course of thy Gospell into all places. And therewithall wee beseech thee for the churches of France and Flanders, which are so miserably racked and torne in sunder, and which are almost consumed with these fierie tryals: that it would please thee to looke upon their sighings and groanings, the teares that fall from their eyes continually, the blood that is shed in all parts of the Land,

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And, the bodies that lye vnburied,
to be meat to the fowles of the aire,
and fishes of the sea, the lonenesse of
wiues lacking their husbands, chil-
dren their fathers, and euery friend
his friend. And forasmuch as those
things are come vppon them for thy
names sake, let it be thy good plea-
sure to helpe them, considering that
they are forsaken of all their friends
round about: and therfore pray thee
that thou wouldest not looke vppon
our sins, nor the sins of our forefa-
thers, wherby we deserue not onely
this correction, but vtter destructi-
on, as Sodom and Gomorrah: but
rather to looke vppon thy mercies
which were before them: whereby
thou hast sayd, that although we do
offend, and thou dost correct vs, yet
thou wilt not take away thy mercies
from vs, but wilt leaue a remnant
which thou wilt multiply, and make
as

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as the starres of the heauen , and as
the sands of the sea . Iooke also (O
Lord) vppon the outragiousnes and
crueltie, vnfaithfulness, and blasphemie
of the enemies , wherewithall
they blaspheme thee , and prouoke
thee to thy face, and therefore in thine
owne cause, and for thine owne sake,
take the matter into thine owne
handes , and pay into the besome of
thine enemies double and treble of
that they haue giuen to thee. Not-
withstanding , those amongst them,
that belong to thine holy election, ha-
sten their calling , that afterwarde
thy iudgements may hasten vppon
the earth, and the inhabitants thereof
may learne to knowe thee by thy
iudgements , that would not vnder-
stand and come to thee , by the loue-
ing calling of the Gospell. Wee pray
thee (O Lord) for our brethren that
are by in armes in both those coun-
tries :

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tries : that thou wouldest goe before
them, and come behind them, and on
euerie side of them: couer their heads
in the day of battell, teach their
hands to fight, and their fingers to
warre : giue them wisdom & bala-
ntnes, & good successe in all their en-
terprises : strike a dizziness & maze of
spirit into their enemies hartes, and
take away from them all force & dis-
appoint all their counsels. And vpon
our brethren in Flaunders, wee be-
seech thee that thou wouldest com-
fort them ouer all the troubles that
they haue receined, and breaches that
haue bene made in vpon them : and
where there are newe forces euery
day gathered, newe sleights inuented
to destroy them, it may please thee to
scatter their forces, and bring theyr
sleights to nothing. Yea, graunt al-
so (O Lord) that that which they
haue deuised against thy children,
may

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may come vppon their owne heads.
And for our brethren in France wee
beseech thee (O Lord) what
streightes soeuer they bee in, thou
wouldest deliuer them: and although
they be forsaken in the iudgement of
all the world, & in their owne iudge-
ments, notwithstanding thou that
hast the issues of death in thine own
hands, deliuer those that are appoin-
ted to death. And finally, wee most
humb. thanke thee, for that it hath
pleased thee to keepe vs this day, and
all the daies & times of our liues: be-
seeching thee, that thou wouldest re-
ceiue vs this night vnto thy holy
keeping, that wee may haue quiet rest,
not of bodies alone, but of our soules
also, resting from all those thinges
that are contrarie to thy holy will,
attending while thou raysest vs vp
in the morning to do all those thinges
that thou hast appointed vs. These
things

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things (O Lord G O D) wee desire of thee, & all other things, which thou in thy wisdom knowest to be more needfull for vs and thy whole Church, better then wee are able to aske, or any way worthy of, for Iesus Christes sake, calling vpon thee as hee himselfe in his blessed Gospel hath taught vs, saying: Our Father which art in heaven, hal-
lowed be thy name,

&c.

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¶ A prayer for the King.



Gracious Lord, and
most mercifull Fa-
ther, wee confesse &
acknowledge thee
the Lord of Lordes,
and the King of
Kings, creating at
the beginning, and ruling all thinges
euermore both in heauen and earth,
according to thy woonderfull wise-
dome and power: and our selues
to bee thy poore seruauntes, the
worke of thy handes, and the
sheepe of thy pasture, subiected to
thy Maiestie, and depending vpon
thy fatherly prouidence for all
thinges. Neuerthelesse, seeing
thou in thy wisdom annoyntest
Kinges and Quenees, appoynting
them

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them to rule ouer thy people, to sit as
Lieutenants in thy seat, to minifter
iustice, and most of all, as fathers
and Nurses to maintaine and cherish
thy Church: commaunding vs, not
onely to obey and honour them, but
moreouer to pray for them, as wat-
ching ouer vs for our good: wee
therefore beseech thee, for thy great
mercies sake, and for Iesus Christ
his sake, to shew thy mercie to all
Kings and Princes, that maintaine
thy glorious Gospell, but especially
wee pray thee to blesse our gracious
King in all spirituall blessings in
Christ Iesus, and in all temporall
blessings, according to thy good plea-
sure, that in the great measures of
thine effectuall loue, hee may more
and more finde great increase of ver-
tue, and wisdom, and strength in
Christ Iesus, to the faithfull & hap-
py discharge of his duety, that his

Thy.

holi-

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holinesse, and ioy, and zeale of thy house, may be multiplied and euerlasting.

And, seeing it hath pleased thee of thy singular mercy, to giue him this especiall honour, first to suffer for thy glorious truth, and afterward miraculously deliuering him, out of the hands of his enemies, to set a crowne vpon his head, and to make him the instrument to aduance thy glorie and Gospel, for which hee suffered, and to bring it out of darknesse into light, out of persecution, into thy great and long peace: as wee giue thee most hartly thanks for this singular benefit, so wee beseech thee to make him and vs euermore thankful for it, and in thy good pleasure still to preserve him for the continuance of these blessings towards vs, with all increase from time to time, to thy glorie, the benefit of thy Church, and his

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his infinite peace in Christ Jesus the Prince of peace. And furthermore, we pray thee for him, and the estate, that such as be enemies of the Gospel, and his enemies also, for the defence thereof, may not despise the peace offered them to repentance, but that they may account thy long suffering, and his peaceable and bountifull government, an occasion of saluation to their soules, and vnfeined loue to the truth, and their mercifull soueraigne. Otherwise, if they still remaine disobedient to the truth, disobedient to his highnes, and dangerous to the state, then (O God of our saluation) as thou hast discovered them, so discover them still, as thou hast prevented them, so prevent them still, and let theire eyes waxe wearie with looking, and their harts faint with wayting for the coming of that, which yet commeth not, nei-

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ther let it come, O Lord, wee beseech thee, but a blessed and a long raigne to him, and peace to Sion for euermore.

Also deere Father, so blesse, so loue, so in thy Spirit sanctifie and keepe him, that hee may in the spirit of counsell, and fortitude, so rule that ether after also, namely, this his Common-wealth, that they may flourish together, and growe by together as Palme trees, in beauty, and in strength, giuing ayde & helpe one to another, that in the Church the glory of God may appeare, as the Sunne in his brightness, and that the land may flow with milke and honey, and true peace abound therein, as in the triumphant raigne of Salomon.

These graces, O Lord, are great, and wee miserable sinners vnworthy of the least of them: therefore looke not

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not to vs but to thy selfe, not to our
iniquities, but to thy great mercies,
accepting the death & passion of thy
Sonne, as a full ranfome for all
our finnes and offences: throwing
them into the bottome of the Sea,
and making his Crosse and resur-
rection effectuell in vs to all obedi-
ence and godlinesse, as becommeth
thy Saints, that to all other thy
good blessings towards our graci-
ous Soueraigne, this may bee ad-
ded, that hee governeth blessedly, o-
uer a blessed people, a people blessed
of the Lord, and beloued of the Lord,
and that thy graces may abound as
the waters of the sea, in the Prince,
and in the people, in the Church, and
in the Commonwealth, from day to
day, till the day of our translation in-
to the kingdome, where iustice inha-
biteth, where wee also shall inhabite
and raigne with thee, according to

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thy promise for ever. Grant vs these things, O mercifull Father, for thy deere sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ his sake, in whose name wee craue them at thy mercifull hand, praying furthermore for them, as he himselfe hath taught vs to pray.

Our Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will bee done in earth as it is in heauen, Giue vs this day our daily bread. And forgive vs our trespasses, as wee forgive them that trespass against vs. And leade vs not into temptation, but deliuer vs from euill. For thing is the kingdome, the power and the glory, for ever, and ever. Amen.

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¶ A forme of prayer, daily to be
vſed of all faithfull Christians,
in theyr houſes or elſe
where.



Almightie God a mer-
ciſull Father, through
Ieſus Chriſt our Lord,
in whom and by whom
wee truſt that thou art
our God and Father,
we moſt humbly heere proſtrate our
ſelues before the throne of thy Ma-
ieſtie, beſeeching thee firſt good father
and God, to pardon and forgive vs
all our ſinnes which we confeſſe and
acknowledge againſt our ſelues, be-
ſeeching thy gracions ſpirit to worke
in vs the knowledge of them daillie
more and more: that therby wee may
come

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come to true repentance for them and together therewith: vnto the knowledge of the height, breadth, depth, and fulnes, in all sorts of thy grace and mercy, whereby through Iesus Christ thou hast forgotten them, and remoued them as farre from vs as the East is from the West. And although wee know by them, too well alas, good Lord, that wee haue (as much as in vs lay & lyeth,) laboured to prouoke thine anger against vs, heaping sinne vpon sinne, and multiplying offences and transgressions against thy high grace and maiestie, breaking thy holie word and commaundements: yet thou O lord hast not bene as a man, nor thy affections as the affections of the sons of men, but hast continued gracious and mercifull, and bountifull vnto vs, in pardoning our sinnes, and daily renewing in vs with the morning,
thy

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thy graces diuers and manifolde.
Therefore wee beseech thee most mercifull Father to giue vs thy holie spirit, that wee prouoke thee no more, that thou rise not against vs to destroy vs as wee haue deserued: for wee haue bene and are byp as stuble, and yet thou hast not dispersed and consumed vs: we haue been vnfruitfull, and thou hast not cut vs downe: yea Lord wee haue brought forth wilde and sewer fruite, corrupt and detestable, and yet thou lettest thy raine to fall, and sunne to shine vpon vs.

Make vs therfore wee beseech thee, sorry as it becommeth thy childzen, for that wee haue disobeyed thee so mercifull and iouing a Father, and frame vs daily, and fashion vs to the likeness of thy welbeloued sonne Iesus Christ our Lord: that in knowledge and true holines, wee may glorifie
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rtifie thee befoze the worlde, and by
the fruites of godlines and righte-
ousnes, be assured and made certaine
of thy spirit, and of the loue where-
with thou lonest vs. Make vs
thankfull Deere father, for the infi-
nite and unspeakable benefits of our
election to life and euerlasting glozie
befoze all time, and for our creation,
and redemption, and sanctification, in
time to bring thy glorious counsell
to passe.

Worke in vs certaine fayth, and
assured hope in thy promises, the true
feare of thy Maiestie, a perfect hate
and destruction of all disordered and
sinfult affections. worke in vs car-
nest loue of thy truth and Gospell,
sincere affection and loue towards
thy childzen, and amongst our selues
patience, knowledge, vertue, loue,
compassion, with all graces of thy
kingdome, that in all our behauiour
thou

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thou, O God, mayst bee glorified by
vs. Also we beseech thee most mercifull
father, for the benefits of this
life. That as thou art not onely the
God of our spirits and soules, but
also of our bodies: so it would please
thee, notwithstanding our sinnes, to
graunt vs thy blessings of health,
peace, and maintenance, of which by
thy gracious prouidence, some of vs
do feelee the want, and some of vs
haue for long time enioyed and bled
the same, that together with them
we may haue thy spirit to instruct vs
as well in the wants, as in the true
and lawfull vse of them: that wee
may more earnestly and serionlie
studie and labour in these vocations
wherein thou hast set vs, through
thy great mercy, to the promoting
and increasing of thy kingdome, to
the benefit and comfort of thy chyl-
dren. And wee pray not only for our
selues,

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selfnes, but beseech thee to make be-
earnest & seruent in prayer vnto thy
Maiestie, euen of others also, yea
for all men, that as thou art the crea-
tour of all, so thou wouldest mercie-
fully regard them, and continue thy
gracious goodnes and mercie, in ad-
ministring and ordering the worlde,
so that by no tyrants, nor wicked
men, that order which thou hast esta-
blished be ouerthrowen, but the spring
and haruest, the raine and fruitfull
times, and the ioy which thou shew-
est and giuest by them, may prouoke
all men continually to feare and loue
thee: yea, to seeke thee and find thee:
that not in these outward blessings
alone, but much more in the spirit,
they whom thou hast thereunto or-
dayned, may reioyce in thy fatherlie
goodnes by Iesus Christ. And that
to this end it may please thee to pour
out thy graces vpon men, that they
may

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may be instructed and framed meeke instruments for the calling of all such as thou hast appointed to bee of thy Church: that these builders may be cunning and expert: that these gardeners may be wise to plant and water, with iudgement and discretion: that these Stewards of thy mysteries, may so behaue themselves in thy Church, that they knowing how and wherewith to feede thy house, the glory and beauty thereof may appeare in the eyes of all the world, which thou hast so long before promised and which to see, the eyes dazill and faint with looking for. And although we know wel, O Lord, that the cause of all miserable disorders, deformities, & breaches now adares, is in our selues, which that by thine hand, and as it were bind thy armes from reaching them out vnto vs for our saluation and comfort, yet let the
Lord

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Lord arise and be merciful vnto **Si-**
on, & haue pittie on the ruines there-
of. For the time is come, our owne
countrey and people are become our
enemies continually. Whose Sinne and
disorder, whose ignorance and stub-
bernesse, whose negligence and con-
tempt of thy word thou hast nowe
long time punished, withdrawing
thy hand from doing them good. For
by thy iust iudgement, nowe many
peccers thou hast plagued them, and
vs, with idle, prophane, vnkarned,
and vnskilfull Pastors: Guiders
thou hast giuen them but to theyr
ruine: Feeders, but of themselves,
not of thy flocke. Teachers and Doc-
tors, who haue mouthes but speake
not, eyes but see not, neyther thy
iudgments vpon thy people, nor howe
to goe in & out before them, and that
which is most fearefull, thy good
hand is not with those Prophets
which

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Which are amongst them, who doe
sow indeede, but the earth giueth not
her increase: they water, but the
plants rise not in any number, they
feede, but thy flocke is poore: not fat
nor beautifull.

¶ Let the Lord forget the sinnes
of his people. Why hath hee bound
them vpon his hand to looke vpon
them for euer? Why hath hee set
them day and night in the light of
his countenance? Wee confesse and
acknowledge against our selues, O
Lord G O D, all our sinne, wee
iudge and condemne our selues, yea,
wee haue deserued, that euen those
sparks of thy fire and heauenly light
which are amongst vs, should bee
quenched & put out, that the smoake
of thy glozy, which is yet still in thy
Church amongst vs, should rise vp
and vanish away from amongst vs,
as the dewe of the morning, that the
same

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Anne building which as yet standeth were to be throwne downe, that the Lord should mount vpon his Chariot and flee from vs.

But shall the Lord deale with his people by waight and measure: shall he blesse iudgement & not mercie: shall our Father forget his chyldren, although wee prouoke him: shall not the sighs and groanes of them that bewaile Sion, come before him and enter into his eares: O Lord, let the iudgement & seneritie which wee haue deserved, be staied: let chariots and hoxses be vnloosed, let the armies of the Lords be discharged, and let the Lord vngird himselfe and forget this counsell, and turne and bee gracious, and mercifull vnto them that know ledge and confesse their sinnes. Let the Angels that be destroyers goe from before thy face, to ouerthrow and cast downe all that standeth to
hinder

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hinder thy glozy, and to maintaine
Sunne, and ignozance, pride, and banti-
ty. That thy good Angels may fol-
low to meeke out & discribe all things
that pertaine to the building of thy
Temple. Let them lay to the square
and plommet, and let all thy people
stand, shute, and sing glozy, at the lay-
ing of this foundation. Let thy spi-
rit guide all those good Lord, that in
feare and reuerence before thee, walk
in their vocation, in the Uniuersties
of all parts of the Realme, yea of
the earth, looking and labouring for
this worke, and increase the little
number as the thousands of Ephra-
im, & the ten thousands of Manas-
ses. And those that laugh at, and
hinder, and drawe backe this worke,
let them bee ashamed & confounded,
and all thy meruailous blessings bee
shewed in the successe thereof. But
let them haue no force nor strength

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to hinder it, so shall Iacob reioyce in
thy mercy, and Iſrael in thy everlaſting
truth: ſo ſhall our eyes ſee thy
glozy, O Lord, and we ſing perpetually
to thy prayſe: ſo ſhall Jeſus
Chriſt delight in the beautie of his
Church, and his people be a people
meet to ſerue him: decked and adorned
with his giſtes, labouring and
ſtudying to pleaſe him, that in thee
his loue may reſt. To this end good
Lord ſhew mercy vpon all Princes
and Magiſtrates of the earth, that
belongeth to thy election: turning
the hearts of all thoſe that hether
haue not knowne thy truth, but lend
their power and might to ſathan and
Antichriſt to perſecute thy people, to
the great diſhonoz of thy name: that
yet nowe at the laſt they may be
brought home into thy ſheepfold, and
in ſteed of perſecutors, become nurſe
fathers and nurſe-mothers to the
Church

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Church. But especially wee most humbly beseech thee for al such Princes and Magistrates as haue receyued thy truth. And namely, for our beere soueraigne James, the Kings Maiestie, whom thou hast placed ouer vs in this Realme, and for his most honourable Counsell and all Magistrats therein, that thou wouldest augment the graces of thy holy spirit in him, and in them especially the spirit of wisdom, counsell, and power, that hee and they may goe forward in the work of the building vp of thy Church in all obedience to thy will, speedily, constantly, and perseverantly, that thy people, the sheepe of thy pasture, whom thou hast committed vnto his & their gouernment, may godly and peaceably liue and die in thee, and with them, and for them, glorifie thy most holy name for euer and euer. wee beseech thee

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also good Lord our God, for all our
brethren wheresoeuer, that those
which are in thy Church in peace
and safetie may prosper and goe for-
ward, and stand in thy truth for e-
uer, that thy goodnes may be assured
vnto them, that thou wouldest keepe
that place, and maintaine their cause
against all that labour to trouble
them. And for such as do yet labour
vnder tyrannie and affliction, whose
sufferings thou knowest, O Lord,
better then we can declare, it may
please thee to breake the rod of their
oppressors, to quench the fire of their
aduersities, and to lighten, or rather
cleane take away that burden which
doth so presse, that they together
with vs may ioyne in thy congrega-
tion, and feede safely, so that there
may bee none to scare vs. Let thy
spirit of comfort possesse our hearts,
that all trouble may seeme lesse then
thy

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thy truth and glozy, and so lighten our eyes, that in our darknesse wee may haue such sight of thy glozy and of Iesus Christ, who is in the high mountaine, where he is now so glorious that our griefes may be swallowed vp.

¶ An addition in the morning.

LAST of all, most louing Father we render humble and speciall prayse vnto thy Maiestie, that it pleased thee amongst the rest of thy benefits, graces, and mercies bestowed vpon vs, to take care of vs from our conception, and hauing drawne vs out of the wombes of our Mothers, to preferue vs from dangers both of bodie and soule, whereunto wee are subiect: and namely this night passed so to keepe and defend vs vnder the

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Shadowe of thy wings, that wee are
come vnto this present day according
to thy good pleasure and ordnance:
beseeching thee to giue vs all such
graces as wee may employ it wholly
in thy seruice. And for the dooing
hereof, good father refoyme our
vnderstanding, keepe the watch of
our tongues, & the doore of our lips
in such sort, that no ill word bee vt-
tered by or through the same. Rule
and gouerne our hartes that they
think not, our hands that they touch
not, our feete that they goe not to,
our eyes that they see not, our eares
that they heare not any thing, but
that which is to thy glorie. That
thereby we may bee confirmed in thy
infinite and fatherly loue towards
vs, and walke cheerefully in our vo-
cations, waiting for that full redemp-
tion, and that crowne of glory which
remaineth for all such as hold this
course

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course vnto the end . These thinges
wee craue, and all other which thou
knowest needful for vs, & thy whole
Church, for thy deere sonne Iesus
Christ his sake as hee hath taught
vs, saying.

O our Father which art in hea-
uen, hallowed bee thy name . Thy
kingdome come . & by will bee done
in earth as it is in heauen . Giue vs
this day our daily bread . And for-
giue vs our trespasses, as we forgive
them that trespass against vs . And
leade vs not into temptation . But
deliuer vs from all euill . For thine
is the kingdome, the power
and glorie, now and
for euermore:

Amen.

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An addition in the euening.

I Ast of all, we beseech thee most
mercifull and louing Father, that
as this day thou hast graciously mi-
nistered strength vnto vs to walke in
our vocations, & blessed our studies
and labours: so we may bee thankes-
full therefore, and haue alwaies thy
good hand with vs to bring to fruite
and effect, those counsels which we
followe for thy glory. And we pray
thee to keepe vs this night in thy tui-
tion and safegard, that we may rest
in thy protection. And receiue that
comfort and strength of this blessing,
which thou hast granted to our weak
nature, through Iesus Christ our
Lord and only Saviour. In whose
name we pray as he hath taught vs,
saying. Our Father which art, &c.

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¶ A Prayer against the feare of death.



Being O lord God,
thou hast commanded in thy holy word
that such as are departing from this
earthly pilgrimage,
should dispose & set

in order their temporall possessions,
and worldly wealth: it standeth also
in reason, that thou wouldest haue
vs carefull of our soules: which we
know shall presently (after our life
ended) appeare before thy presence:
We knowe likewise, O Lord, that
death is certaine, but the houre thereof
is most vncertaine: so that hee
which liueth in health to day, may
to morrowe be layd in his graue. O
Lord,

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Lord, what haue wee to carry with
vs out of this world : wee brought
nothing into it, neither shall wee car-
rie any thing out of it. Our wealth
and our wisdom, our liuings and
our learnings, our treasure and our
pleasure, wee shall leaue behind vs :
for naked came wee into the world,
and naked shall wee gee out of the
world. Thus hast thou, O Lord,
appointed, thus hast thou ordayned,
this is thy commandement, and our
part it is to obey thy heauenly will.
Wee confesse, O Father, that we are
mortall, fragile, and corruptible : our
life is doubtfull, but death is certain,
and as it is certaine, so it is feareful,
and therefore (O father) helpe our
infirmities. For how should not we
feare death, of our selues, since the
horror of the same caused thy sonne
to sweete water and blood : And see-
ing it is hee that hath borne our
griefes

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groſſes, ſuffered ſmart for our ſakes,
and hath bene wounded for our in-
iquities: what ſhall death require of
vs, nowe that thy ſonne hath ſaued
vs: and if thou, Lord, art with vs,
who is hee that can be againſt vs?
When that is borne of a woman is
ſubject to many miſeries, and paſſeth
as a ſhadowe and flower of the field.
But yet, good God, ſaue vs, for thou
deſireſt not the death of a ſinner, but
rather that hee ſhould be conuerted
and liue. Wee shed many teares, but
the houre will come, when thou ſhalt
dye euery tear from our eyes. Lord
puniſh vs and ſcourge vs in this
world, euen as it ſhall pleaſe thee, till
wee be wounded and ſmitten full of
payne: Viſit vs, O viſit vs in this
life, lay thy croſſe vpon our neckes,
make vs acquainted with afflictions
in this world, that wee may haue the
eaſier enterance into life euerlaſting,
and

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and there enioy the fulnesse of thy blessings.

What griefe can we dread : What afflictions can wee feare : seeing all things proue for the best to thy children : Alas, who is he that can take pleasure in this life : seeing man being in it cannot behold thee, and all things therein contained are fraile and transitorie. Grant me thy grace therefore (O God) that I rest not my selfe heere in earth, nor be a negligent seruant, but a diligent and watchfull virgin, waiting with ioy for the comming of Christ my spouse and beloued. Moreover, most mercifull father, graunt that as sathan the prince of this world, comming to tempt thy sonne, obtained nothing, but to gaze and stare vpon him, so he may be able to do nothing, whereby to preuaile against mee, or to get the victoꝝy over the children of faith, by
the

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the which our forefathers holy and
approved men, haue conquered king-
domes, subdued mightie people, shut
up Lyons mouthes, and wrought
exceeding great wonders. By the
same faith, O Father of all mercie,
grant that I may be emboldened a-
gainst the inuasions of death,
not to feare them, but to
reioyce in them, as be-
ing entrances into
eternall life.

Amen.

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¶ A necessarie prayer against worldly confidence.



Lord God Father of light, wee poore distressed creatures, lye in this world as strangers from our native Country, subiect vnto many griefes and vexations both in bodie and minde: grant therefore we beseech thee, that wee may learne to rest our selues with a quiet & peaceable heart, in thy grace and promise, which thou hast made vnto vs thy seruants, namely, to be alwaies prepared and readie to bee our ayde and succour.

Furthermore, we beseech thee, most mercifull Father, that wee put not our confidence in the vanities of this world,

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World, but rather appealing to thy power, and depending vpon thy providence, may knowe that our life is like a twined thred, vanishing away like smoake, and moze variable and vncertaine then the winde. In consideration whereof, giue vs grace to confesse that with tongue, which it is our duties to haue printed in our hart: namely, that the whole state of our life is in thy hand, and that wee therfore ought to stay vs altogether vppon thy goodnes, and to call vpon thy name, that shewing our selves vnder thy protection, we may liue in the fulnes of all safetie. Moreover, graunt wee beseech thee most mercifull Father, that our conuersation in this life, and the estimation of the same may be such, that neyther idlenes, nor slothfulnesse overcome vs, or withdraw our harts from the meditation and contemplation of everlasting

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lasting life : but that we may rather
seeke thee dilligently both morning,
euening, and euerie houre of the day
with a single eye and a pure heart,
that at the appointed time of thy
good pleasure, wee may come to the
end of that course, which thou hast
ordayned for vs, and may enioy that
glorious kingdome, which Iesus
Christ thy sonne hath pur-
chased for vs by the
price of his blood.

Amen.

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A prayer for mortification and holinesse.



Lord our GOD,
most gracious and
most mercifull, I
do humbly confesse
before thee, that I
am vnrworthy to
appeare before thy

Majestie, to offer vnto thee any sa-
crifice of prayer, being full of sinne
and corruption, naturally gladde of
euill, and vnprofitable to good: yea,
being so miserable, yet (O Lord)
I see not my misery, I feele it not, I
bemoane it not as I ought to doe, but
multiply mine iniquities, prouoking
thy iust iudgement against me. My
zeale is cold, my loue is feeble, my ex-
ercises of Religion faint and fewe,
and I take no way, but that which
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leadeth from euill to worse, and finally, would leade mee from Anne to the reward of Anne.

All this is true, deere Father, yet my hart is not mooued with feare, all this is true, yet I doe not sorrowe for it, but walke with ioy, where I must, if I continue, reape affliction. Therefore be mercifull vnto me, and blesse mee, be mercifull vnto mee, and in Christ Iesus wash away all mine iniquities, be mercifull, and create in me a true hart, and prepare it to prayer, and to thy holy seruice, for thou alone, O Lord, art my hope, and the mightie God of my saluation. Thou hast giuen mee a desire to serue thee, O teach mee that I may doe it: and the good worke which thou hast begunne, make it perfect in mee, that I may no more loue wickednes and follow vanitie: but that my good desires in thee may bee increased,

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created, and all of them accomplished,
so shall I praise thee, and magnifie
thee for ever. For there is no honour
but thy honor, no glozy but thy glorie,
O Lord: It is in vaine to trust
in Princes, but truly to trust in the
Lord bringeth plentiful saluation.
From age to age it hath appeared,
that thou, O Lord God art mercifull,
and that in thy Courts there is
nothing but truth and holines. This
world is full of vanitie, full of pride,
full of rebellion, and the flesh also.
The world hath many battes, to destruction,
and the flesh both delight
in them, they are sworn together to
betray vs to sathan, yea, we betray
our selues: therefore, deere Father,
by the Crosse of Christ, mortifie in
vs the deedes of the flesh: and crucifie
both vs to the worlde, and the
worlde to vs, that our soules may
liue. In our generall calling make

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be obedient to serue thee in holines,
and in righteousness all the dayes of
our life: in our particuler callings,
also make vs faithfull, that wee may
neither put away a good conscience,
noz make shipwracke of faith. I be-
leeue, O Lord, helpe my vnableesse,
in the day of peace and prosperitie
make vs sober, in the day of trouble
and aduersitie make vs to looke vp,
and cheerefully to wait and trust in
thee for our deliuerance, that our ene-
mies mouthes may bee stopped by
our godly conuersation, and thei-
r harts pricked with zeale to turne
vnto thee.

Neither doe I pray, O Lord, for
my selfe alone, but for the whole bo-
die, into the which I am ingrafted
by Christ Iesus: that is, for thy
Church, O God, for thine inheri-
tance, that thou wouldest increase it
from one end of the world vnto an
other,

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other, that all Nations may wor-
ship before that footestool. Especi-
allie, O Lord, I pray for them that
professe thy Gospell, as for this our
Nation, that thou wouldest be mer-
cifull vnto it, turning our harts to
thee. For our gracious Soueraigne
king James, and for all his Coun-
sell, that thou wouldest poure thy
graces vpon them. to the discharge
of theyr duty, and our peace, for all
thy holie Teachers in the Church,
that thou wouldest blesse them and
theyr labours, for the peace and full
beautie of this Church, for the peace
and wealth of the Common-wealth.
Wee pray thee also for to blesse all the
meanes to bring this to passe. Also
wee pray thee for our Parents, & for
all others to whom wee owe especia-
lly all loue or seruice: but principal-
ly we beseech thee to shew thy com-
passion vpon all that are in persecu-
tion

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tion for thy Gospel : O Lord increase and renew their strength, give them victorie, and turne their adversaries hearts, if they appertaine to thy holie election : otherwise (O Lord) bring vpon them the confusion that they would bring vpon others, and into the pit that they haue digged : let them fall and neuer rise againe.

O Lord, heare vs in these suites, pardon our dull spirits in prayer, and giue vs these and all other graces needfull for vs, and the Church to thy glory, for our Lord Iesus Christ his sake, in whose Name wee further pray vnto thee, as hee hath taught vs, saying : Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

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¶ A short prayer for the morning.



We giue thee thanks
O Lord our God, in
the Name of Iesus
Christ for the quiet
rest and sleepe, which
graciouslie thou hast
bestowed vpon vs this night past,
for the preservation of our bodies.
Also, we thank thee for the graces of
our redemption, of our creation, for
our calling in the Gospell, and for thy
great patience, in tarrying so long
for our repentance: beseeching thee
to giue vs this grace also among the
rest, that we may vse all other graces
to thy glory and our saluation. And
nowe, O Lord, seeing thou hast re-
newed the light of the day vpon vs:
renne

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venue also, wee pray thee, the light of thy countenance toward vs, to open our eyes, that we may haue senses exercised in putting a difference betwene light and darknes, betwene earthly things and heauenly things, betwene true obedience and hypocrisie, that hauing of this wisdom, we may by thy power eschew the euill, and follow the good constantlie and patiently. For which cause, stretch forth thine hand, O God, to leade and keepe vs this day in thy waies, that wee may doe all thinges in a holy zeale of thy glorie, and in godly loue to our brethren. And as this day addeth somewhat to our age, so let thy holie Spirit adde therein somewhat to our knowledge & fayth, so that growing in the measures of thy grace: wee may serue thee in holines and righteousnes this day, and all the daies of our life. Grant these things

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things, O deere Father, for Iesus
Christ his sake, in whose Name we
pray furthermore, saying. Our Fa-
ther which art in heauen. &c.

Prayer before sleepe.



Lord GOD most
gracious and most
holy, wee thy poore
seruaunts, beseech
thee for Iesus christ
to accept thys our
poore euening Sa-
crifice of prayer and thanksgiuing:
which now we offer vnto thee, gi-
uing thee most hartie thanks, for thy
loue toward vs, this day past, in
keepeing vs from the punishment of
our sinnes, that might iustly haue
beene layde vppon vs, and in feeding
our bodys with sweet foode, and our
harts

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harts with gladnes, shewing thy self
not onely the author, but also the che-
risher and maintainer of our life, we
bæing vnwoorthy of the least of all
thy benefits. But pardon our vn-
worthines, O Lord, throw all our
sunnis into: h2 bottome of the Sea,
which wee this day, or at any other
time haue committed against thee, and
continue thy loue towards vs euer-
more, and namely this night: wher-
in (although bodily darknes be fal-
len vpon vs) yet keepe vs from the
spirituall darknes of sinne and igno-
rance, and though wee craue quiet
sleepe for our bodies: yet we beseech
thee that our mindes neuer rest nor
sleepe, but that they wait and watch
on thee continually. Keepe them in
good meditations, free from all vaine
dreames, and other offences, that wa-
king and sleeping wee may be thine,
made & employed to the setting forth
of

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of thine honour and glory, in all holy obedience, through Iesus Christ our Lord, in whose name wee pray further as he hath taught vs. Our Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy Name. &c.

¶ A prayer against the secret venom, and great danger of prosperitie.



Lord, prepare my hart to wisdom, prepare it to prayer, and teach my soule to feele all the dangers wherewith it is beset on euery side: and graunt good Father, that I may not pray in wordes, or in sound of speech, but in spirit & faith. Acknowledge to thee (O Lord) thy

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thy great mercies toward mee at this time : for beside the unspeakable graces of my redemption, and of my holy calling in the Gospel, which are euermore good, thou hast giuen mee a large measure of earthly blessings, my table is richly and daintilie furnished, my Cuppe overfloweth, mine enemies are chased away, and I feele no want, no affliction, no sorrow. My prosperitie leadeth mee as by the hand, from one delight to another, and from one pleasure to another. In the morning peace is at my right hand and at night quietnesse at my left. Oh Lord, are not these thy blessings : hast not thou opened thy mercifull hand, and filled me with all these comforts ? True it is, O Lord, that they come all from thee, and for thee, I am indebted vnto thee, and giue thee great thanks. But alas (Lord) I finde by experience that
prosperity,

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prosperitie, such is our infirmittie,
carrieth vs to too farre away, it fees-
deth vs so from day to day, and from
time to time with new delights, it in-
gendzeth also secretly such peace and
confidence in these things, which are
but as a Reede to leane vppon, that
wee are carried away, we forget not
thee onely, but our selues also. But
the day of aduersitie, the day of sick-
nesse, the day of trouble, that layeth
open our weaknes, it causeth much
care to be released, it prouoketh ma-
ny prayers for releefe: Oh it is a
happy day, a day of returning to the
Lord, a day of repentance as in sack-
cloth and ashes: Oh howe may my
soule prayse the day of affliction,
wherein I called vpon the Name of
the Lord, and hee heard mee, and I
found that his rod comforted mee.
I neuerthelesse, oh good Lord consider
and helpe: two dayes of health take
away

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away the fruit of many dayes of sickness, we are as men Sea-sicke, that comming on the Shore, presently returne to ioy and mirth, and forget both dangers on the Sea, and dangers of the Land. So came it to passe from age to age in thy people of Israel, beeing tyed fast in misery and prion, they called vpon thee, and receiued mercy, being deliuered, they soone turned backe like a bowe, and became drunken with prosperitie. Then thy face was against them, thy anger was kindled, and they cast into affliction againe: but in theyr miseries they renued theyr prayers, and thou diddest renue thy grace, but new prosperitie, brought new rebellion, and new rebellion, new punishments, and new punishments new conuersion. The house of mirth was to them, and is to all a bayte to wantonnes, but in the house of sorrow, a

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pronocation of humilitie and prayer,
prosperitie is as a cup of wine ming-
led with poyson, as a bed of securi-
tie, and a way to destruction. There-
fore, O Lord, with the fulnesse of
earthly things, giue mee also the ful-
nesse of spirituall things, that I for-
get thee not in vanitie of life, or in the
false delights of unfull flesh. O keepe
my hart that it be not made drunken
with prosperitie: but grant me in so-
bernes, to vse thy blessings to thy
glory, and to the releefe of my bre-
thren: and when I reioyce, not to
reioyce in these base things, for that
reioycing is euill, but to reioyce in
thee, turning my mirth from wanton
dances, from vaine songes, from o-
ther carnall delights, to exercises of
Religion, to helps of knowledge, and
singing of Psalmes with melodie to
thee in my hart. Finally, O Lord,
seeing that in this earthly prosperie,
there

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there is so great abuse and so present danger, for want of grace to vse the. Oh Lord teach mee the true vse of them, that I may not set my hart thereon, but in thee, giuing thee thanks for them, and laboring with al diligence through thy grace in Iesus Christ, that they be not through my wickednesse turned into curses. As Salomon teacheth wisdom, to take heede of an harlot: so teach me to take heede of vaine pleasures in worldly matters, that I be not bewitched through prosperitie, and forget thee, bathing my selfe in pleasures and neuer setting thee before mine eyes. O mercifull father, worke this in mee, that I may be rich in good works, that I may haue, as not hauing, that I may vie the world, as not abusing it, but vning it to thy glorie in Christ Iesus, who with thee & the holy Ghost, bee blessed for ever. Amen.

¶ Amen

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¶ A prayer before Child- birth.



All thy waies are iust,
(oh deere father) & thy
iudgementes are true
altogether. For woorthily doth man liue in
þe sweet of his face, & the
woman bring forth Children with
much paine and trauaile, & with great
danger. Yea (O merciful father) this
paine is not a sufficient punishment
for the grievous transgressions wherewith
wee and our forefathers haue
transgressed thy most holy will. The
punishment is in respect of our demerits
too small, but in respect of our
weaknes, too great for vs, without
thee to endure. Wherefore as I acknowledge
(O mercifull father) this
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travaile in childbirth (which now ap=
preacheth) to be a iust reward of my
manifold sins: so I acknowledge al=
so thy readie arme of defence, stretch=
ed out euer mee, & ouer all them that
call vpon thee in faith. Grant there=
fore, O deere father, that I may in
faith pray and waite for that time of
my travail patiently, that I may en=
dure it, when it shall be present, con=
stantly and thankfully: knowing
that although I then feele some tast
of the reward of sinne: yet I feele not
all, and that little which I then feele,
thou doost presently rewarde with
comfort of gladnes, when a Childe
is borne into the world. The which
comfortable and glad issue, graunt
mee (O Lord) if it be thy good plea=
sure, and hauing receiued such fruite
of my bodie: graunt mee moreover,
wisdom and strength to bring it by
in thy feare, and to trauaile (as it
were)

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swere) againe with it, till it be borne
again into a heauenly life, to the glo-
rie of thy holy name, and my greater
joy, so that it may finally in Christ
Jesus, be partaker of those blessings
which thou doost plentifully rapne
downe vpon the faithfull, and their
seede for euer. And because I am not
woorthie to present this my sute to
thy heauenly Maiestie of my selfe, a
most wretched and Unfull woman:
I offer it in the name, in the righte-
ousnesse, and in the strength of my
Lord and Saniour Jesus Christ,
praying furthermore as hee teacheth
vs to pray. Our Father which
art in heauen, hallowed be
thy name, thy king-
dome come. &c.

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Awake.

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A Wake thou that sleepest, and stand
up from the dead, and Christ shall
glue thee light. Ephe. 5. 14.

Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good workes,
and glorifie your Father which is in
heauen. Mat. 5. 16.

We will sing of thy power, & will
praise thy louing kindnes betimes
in the morning for thou hast bene e-
uer our strength, our refuge, our de-
fence, and our most mercifull Lord.
Psal. 14. 6. Psal. 50. 18.

¶ A prayer for the mor- ning.

WEc yeelde vnto thee our most
heartie thanks, O heavenly
Father, for that thou hast deliue-
red vs from all perils and daun-
gers of the night, and brought vs
safe

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safe to the beginning of this day: we beseech thee that thou wilt in the same, and euer hereafter receiue vs into thy defence and protection: and as thou hast remooued the darknesse of the night, restored the light of the Sunne, and raised vs from sleepe: so thou wouldest vouchsafe also to remooue from vs, the inward darknesse of ignorance, to raple vs from the sleepe of Sinne, and to lighten our minds with the heauenly beames of thy most holy Spirit: and with the knowledge of thy deere Sonne our Saviour Iesu Christ, the true light of the world, that weeschewing the woorkes of darknes: may guide the steps of our liues after the light of thy holy word, walking comly as the childezen of light, in holines & righteousness, as in the day, & in thy sight: and in the ende, may come vnto that most blessed eternal light, which thou

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Doost inhabite, the same thy sonne our
sauioꝝ Iesus Chꝛist being our guide
therunto. To Whom with thee
and the holy Ghost, one God of most
glozious maiestie, be all honour and
gloꝝy woꝛld without end. Amen.

O God, who commaundeth the
light to shine out of darknesse,
shine in our hartes, and giue vs the
light of the knowledge of thy gloꝝy,
in the face of Iesus Chꝛist. 1. Co-
rinthians. 4.

Open our eyes that wee may be
turned from darknesse to light, and
from the power of sathan, vnto thee
our God. Acts, 1. 5. 6.

That we may receiue forgiveness
of sins, and inheritance among them
which are sanctified by faith, that is,
toward thy Sonne Iesus Chꝛist.
Acts, 1. 8.

¶ Anor

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¶ Another euening prayer.



Almightie God, who
as thou hast made
the day for labour
and trauaile, so hast
thou created þ night
for the rest and re-
freshing of our wea-
ried bodie and minde: Wee most
humbly beseech thee, that as the night
darkneth and shadoweth all things:
so thou wouldest for thy deere sonne
Iesus Christs sake, hide our sinnes,
remouing them for thy sight, put-
ting away the memory of them by e-
ternall obliuion, that as our bodie
shal haue the rest of sleepe, so also our
minde by hope of thy mercy, may en-
ioy the rest of a quiet conscience, and
so

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So being wholly refreshed, we may awake & rise vnto thy seruice the next day, and all the daies of our life: and when death it selfe shall come (from the which it is as easie for thee to raise vs, as from bodily sleepe) wee may rest in hope of that most ioyfull Resurrection, whercin our bodies shal awake vnto the euerlasting day, which shall neuer bee interrupted with any darknesse: when wee shall bee made partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light, in that most blessed Cittie, the heauenly Ierusalem, where shall bee no neede of Candle, neyther of the Sunne, nor of the Moone, to lighten it, for thy glory, O God, shalt lighten it, and thy Sonne the Lambe shall bee our eternall light. Vnto the which most glorious light, and kingdome of thy deere Sonne, we beseech thee bring vs, for the same our Saviour Iesus Christ

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Chyistes sake: vnto whom with
thee and the holy Ghost, be all ho-
nour and glorie now and for ever.
Amen.

¶ A prayer.

Almighty God, with thou of
thine infinite mercy hast not
onely admitted vs, but also
taught, yea, and commanded
by thy holy and deere sonne
our Lord Iesus Christ, (that wee
trusting in his meritts and protecti-
on, hee being our intercessor) should
belæue that thou art a louing father
vnto vs. And that wee should also
call thee Father, giue vs wee beseech
thee that we may haue in our hearts,
sure trust (without feare) of thy fa-
therly loue: and that wee may with
glad mindes, call thee Father, know-
ledge,

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ledge, loue, and crie on thee in all incomparables, giue vnto vs all greening and brotherly loue, so that we may perceiue euerie one of vs, that we are truely brothers and sisters, and may pray to thee as to our common and most mercifull father, euery one for other, euen as kind Children entreate their father one for another.

Grant that none of vs seeke that which is his owne, or else forget o-ther in thy sight: but that anoyding all hate, enuie, discention, as it becommeth the true children of God, we may loue together with due fauour. Teach vs to regard none o-ther thing then our soules health, and the euerlasting heritage, so that this temporall countrey and worldly heritage, (which compasseth and nouri-eth vs, labouring to make vs earthly, and like vnto it selfe) deceiue vs
not,

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not, so that wee say truly and with
a faithfull hart. Our heauenly Fa-
ther, giue vs the grace that wee may
bee thy heauenly childzen, and grant
vs that in all perrils wee may call
vppon thy Name without ceasing:
graunt that by our sinnes, no man
may take occasion to slander thy ho-
ly Name, giue vs before all things
true and constant faith in Christ,
hope without feare in thy mercie, a-
gainst all infirmities of our weake
consciencs, and pure loue towards
thee, and all men, keepe vs from in-
fidelitie, desperation, and malice, so
that wrath, or any other bitternesse,
haue not his kingdome in vs, ligh-
ten mine eyes, least I sleepe, or bee
wearie in the good life once begunne,
grant that thy kingdome which shall
come, may finish and performe this
kingdome which is begunne by thee.
Make vs desire & other life to come,
giue

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giue vs grace not to feare death, but rather to desire it, and to bee with Christ. Endue vs with thy grace, that wee may gladly suffer all diseases, pouerty, despisings, persecutions, crosse, and aduersities: knowing ledging that it is thy will to crucifie our will, make vs that we quite not euill for euill, neither to auoyde violence, by violence, and that wee impute it not to the deuill or euill men, when any aduersitie commeth, but vnto thy godly will, without whom a sparrow falleth not on the ground. Make that all our members, eyes, tongue, hart, hands, and feete, bee not suffered to follow their desires, neither that we be at any time subdued vnder them. Teach vs to vnderstand that no man may hurt vs, except hee doe himselfe much moze hurt in thy sight, so that wee may bee moued rather to weepe for his blindness, then to

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to thinke of aduengement , giue vs
grace that wee reioyce not in their
trouble, which haue resisted our will
or hurt vs, and also that wee bee not
sorrowe when they prosper and haue
welfare. O heauenly Father, giue
vs this grace, that the life of Christ
his word, works, and passions, may
be preached, known, and holden, both
of vs and of all the world, giue vs
grace that in our passions , and ad-
uersities, we may comfort our selues
by his passion and Crosse, and that
wee may with a stable faith over-
come our death by his death, and fol-
lowe without feare this noble Cap-
taine into another life . Teach vs
by thy grace to thinke and haue in
minde truely (and as wee ought to
doe) the passion of Christ, and to
ioyne it happily with our life, so that
wee may come & attaine some thing,
though it bee but a shadowe of it.

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Finally, giue vs our daily bread, that
Christ in vs, and wee in Christ, may
dwell perpetually, and may worthily
beare this name, &th of christ we are
called Christians. Giue thy peace
into our hartes, that wee reioycing,
may looke for thy iudgement, and
glorious comming of Iesus Christ
in the cloudes, to whom is giuen all
iudgement in heauen and in earth.
Teach vs (deere father) not to flicke
oz bee comforted in our good workes
oz deseruings, but to submit our
selues faithfully to thine incompara-
ble mercy. Againe, make that wee
despaire not for this our guiltie and
sinfull life, but that wee may iudge
thy mercie more mightie and strong-
ger then our life, howsoeuer we haue
ordered it, so that we refreshed by the
sure trust and confidence of thy mer-
cie in the bottome of our heart, may
liue, die, suffer, and take all thinges
pati-

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patiently. Make that wee resist and fight against this superfluitie of meate, drinke, sleepe, sloth, and idleness. Make that we may bring our old Adam into bondage and subjection, with fasting, temperate dyet, cloathing, sleepe, rest, watch, and labour, so that he may be meeete and apt to good workes: Make that when we heare any glad or pleasant thing, or feele any sweet thing, that we seeke not therein our delight and pleasure: but thy praise and glozy. Keepe vs that the false subtiltie of this world, the counterfeite brightness and enticements of the same, perswade vs not to followe it. Grant vs by thy grace to possesse our soules with patience in all our afflictions. Finally, fulfill vs al with thy grace that in this miserable and perriuous life, (which is compased with so many continuall enemies that neuer cease) wee may fight

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fight boldly with stable and constant
fayth, and obtayne the euerlasting
crowne. O Father, deliuer vs from
suddaine death: keepe vs from hun-
ger, death, and war: keepe vs from
all euill and perrils of the body, to
thy glozy and our saluation. Graunt
vs, good Lord, that all these prayers
may be obtayned of vs without any
doubt: neyther suffer that wee mi-
strust any thing, but that in all these
things, wee shall bee heard, yea, be
heard alreedy. And let all these things
be sure and without any doubt, so
may wee with glad hartes say,
Amen. That is to say sta-
ble, constant, true,
and sure.

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Of Fayth.



First, deere brethren,
yee ought to giue di-
ligēt heed & you may
purcly vnderstande
what fayth is, and
what fruits proceed
out of her, & to con-
clude the sum in few wordes: Faith
is a sure perswasion & full of know-
ledge, that God for his truth & righ-
teousnes sake, will fulfill such promi-
ses as he hath made vnto vs, of his
mercie & fanour, in his holy Testa-
ment, which sure perswasion must be
giuen from God. 1. Cor. 12. For it
cannot be gotten but by Gods pow-
er, neyther yet retained. Therefore
with feare and trembling, performe
that health which is begunne in you,

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for

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for it is God that worketh in you,
both the will, and also the deed, euen
at his owne pleasure, & see that with
all meeknesse ye submit your selues
vnto the vocation of God, not see-
king the libertie of the flesh, neyther
yet despising good works, and the
spirit of G O D, which resteth in a
faithfull man, helpeth our infirmitie,
and fighteth without intermission
against sinne, the deuill, and the
world.

The power of faith.

TH E power of fayth, is to
iustifie vs, that is, to dispoile
vs from all our vices, and
lay them on Chustes backe
(which hath pacified the fa-
thers wrath towards vs) and to en-
due vs with anothers righteousness,
that

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that is Christs, so that I and all my
sinnes are Christs, and Christ with
all his vertues are mine. For he was
borne for vs, and giuen vnto vs.
Esay, 9. Rom. 8. To obtaine this
righteousnes, God the father requi-
reth nothing of vs, but that we be-
leeue on him, and make him no lyer:
hee that beleueth that God of his
mercy hath made vs these promises,
and that for his truth sake, hee will
fulfill them, he setteth to his seale, that
God is true, but hee that belceueth
not, or doubteth of this, as much as
in him is, hee maketh God a lyer.
1. Iohn. 5. For why shouldest thou
doubt in him, except thou thoughtest
that hee were a lyer, and would not
keepe his promise which hee made.
Howe if thou count God, which is
the very truth, to bee a lyer, art not
thou woorthy a thousand damnati-
ons.

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¶ The workes of Faith.



Faith worketh by charitie, for when my raging conscience which feelth her sinne, is pacified, and set at one with **G D D** through fayth, then remembzng the fervent loue of **G D** towards mee, I cannot but loue my neighbour againe, for there is no man that hartily loueth the Father, and can hate the Sonne, and although the Sonne be naught and vnthriftie, yet for his fathers sake, he will helpe to better him, and etien lament and be sorie for the sons wickednes: likewise, if wee hartlie loue **G D D** for his infinite benefitts done vnto vs, then can wee not hate that

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that creature, which hee hath made after his owne likenes, Whom God the father loueth so tenderly, that hee gaue his owne sonne vnto the death, to redeeme him, yea, and whom hee hath adopted through Christ, to be his Sonne and heire. Now, albeit wee see no kindnes in this man, for which wee should loue him, yet hath God shewed his kindnes enough for the which we ought to loue him, and succour him at all times. Let vs therefore loue him, for the loue that God the Creatour hath shewed vs, and beare his infirmitie: if hee fall, let vs lift him vpp againe, and indue him with our wisdom & all our workes, euen as Christ hath done with vs. And this is an euident token that thou louest God, when thou louest thy brother. 1. John, 4. And seekest all meanes to helpe him. These are the good workes that followe farth,

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And are euident tokens that thy faith is right and pure. Thus seest thou how good workes flow out of Faith, through charitie, and charitie or loue, is the fulfilling of the whole law, Rom. 13.

¶ Good workes.

Among good workes, the chiefe are to bee obedient in all things, vnto Kings, Princes, Iudges, and such other Officers, as far as they command ciuil things, that is to say, such thinges as are indifferent, and not contrarie to the commandements of God. For then must we rather obey God then men. Acts. 4. Although we should leese both our substance & life thereto. To honor rulers, to promote peace, to pray for the Communitie, and

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and to apply all our studies to profit
th:m. The next are to be obedient to
Father and Mother, to prouide for
household, both nourishing our familie
with bodily sustenance, and also
to instruct them with the worde of
God, and so to bee their Governour,
carnall, and spirituall. Then must
wee looke how wee ought to behaue
our selues towards our neighbours,
knowledging that all the gifts which
are giuen vs of God, are not giuen
vs for our owne selfe, but for the edify-
fying of the congregation. 1. Cor. 12.
And if we bestowe them not on that
manner, we shall surely giue a recko-
ning for them before the Lord: As
mong these, ought wee to haue re-
spect vnto the Preachers and Mini-
sters of the Word, that they may be
had in honour, and well prouided
for. And aboue all things, good bre-
thren, addresse your selues vnto that
necessary

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necessary worke, prayer. Remember to pray for all estates, for that is a worke that Christ and his Apostles full diligently exhorted all men vnto, promising them that they should obtaine theyr petitions. John. 16. 1. John 4. If they be according to the Will of God, and for his glory.

Wheresoeuer is true faith, there is also repentance with it, there is hate of sinne, there is true feare: and againe, there is comfortablenesse of hart kindled by the holy Ghost, a desire to further Gods glory among men. The duties of charitie, or to comprehend all in one worde, true holines, which the flesh fighteth against. This holinesse is not made perfect at an instant: but groweth all the time of mans life.

Labour for a lively sight and sence of heavenly things, and so shall no sight or sence of earthly things trouble

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ble your affections, further then you
shall be able enough, with ease and
pleasure to relinquish and forsake
them, whensoever Gods glory shall
require. Now this light and sence
of heavenly things, is not otherwise
then by fayth, or rather maketh an
end. Therefore in all matters of
Religion, and concerning saluation,
leau reason with Abraham as hee
did, and leau your corporall senses
with his seruants in the valley to be
occupied in ciuill thinges: If that
you will cline vp with Isaac into
the hill of heauen, whether God
our Father bring vs, for
his mercies sake,
Amen.

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¶ A Prayer for the obtayning of a godlie life,

O God of eternall glorie, and
Lord of everlasting light, I
poore wretch, being not once
lie a sinner, but even verie
sinne it selfe, lamenting my
misery, and deplozing my estate from
the bottome of my hart, humbly on
my knees present my selfe before the
throne of thy mercie, beseeching thy
fatherly goodnesse for Iesus Christ
his sake, to pardon and remit all my
sinnes past, and in all the time of my
life following, to keepe mee through
the power of thy might, from falling
into the like greuous sinnes and of-
fences which too too long, O Lord,
I haue beene ledde captiue in. Grant
mee thy grace hencefoorth to bee my
guide,

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guide, & thy holy spirit to instruct me,
that I may become a new creature,
leading a vertuous and godlie life, to
the glory of thy holy Name and good
example of all men, who seeing my
good workes, may thereby be moued
to honour, and praise thee in the midst
of thy congregation.

And although it be impossible, so
long as we dwell in the tabernacle of
this earthly body, truly to please
thee, to liue without sinne, or to lead
a life pure and vncorrupted in thy
sight, yet, O Lord, I beseech thee to
keepe mee innocent from the greatest
offences, (though the least sinne were
conuinit, either in thought, worde, or
deed, in thy iustice be damnable) as
namely pride, vaine-glorie, whoredome,
gluttonie, drunkenness, con-
ueticusnes, contempt of thy word,
hardnes of hart, and all other grie-
uous and haynous sinnes, whereby
thy

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thy Maiestie is most dishonoured,
and I both in soule & body brought
deepely into thy heauie displeasure.
But if it be thy wil in thy secret and
vnsearchable iudgements, that at a-
ny time I fall (through frailtie) into
any of them, yet, O Lord, I beseech
thee let mee not continue long there-
in, but especially raise mee vp againe
through thy mightie power, and ne-
uer lay my sinne vnto my charge, but
freely forgine the same and all other
mine offences for thy beloued sonne
Jesus Christ his sake.

And as it may please thee to purge
my body and outward man, from the
filthinesse of sinne, so I beseech thee
let it be thy good pleasure, to purifie
and make cleane, my soule & inward
man, from sects, schismes, heresies,
and errors, from idolotrie, spirituall
whoredome, and all kind of factions
and erroneous opinions, contrarie
to

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to thy sacred Worde, that I appea-
ring cleane in thy light, not cloathed
with mine owne righteousness, but
with the righteousness, holines, in-
nocencie, and integrity of Christ Je-
sus, may through the merrits of his
passion, after this life ended, raigne
with thee in thy kingdome of glory
for ever: to whom with thee and the
holy Ghost, bee prayse for evermore.
Amen.

A Prayer for such as in this
world be verie rich and
wealthie.



Eternall GOD and
most mercifull Father,
fro whom al good things
do come & procede, who
in thy wisdom distri-
buest thy benefits and
bestowest

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Bestowest thy blessings manifolde
wise, as someth good to thy heauenly
will, to some more, to some lesse, as
thou (who knowest all thinges) see-
est it to be best for euery one. I giue
thee hartie thanks, in that it hath
pleased thee to bestow vpon mee, a
most vnnuorthy sinner, such large
blessings of earthly treasures and
riches in this life, most humbly be-
seeching thee, for thy great mercies
sake, to giue me grace to vse them to
thy glory, and to the helpe and com-
fort of those that haue neede, know-
ing that thou hast giuen mee this a-
boundance, to the end that I should
be ayding and helpfull to others, vpon
whom it hath pleased thee to
lay the crosse of pouerty, and that I
am but as a steward frō thee which
must render account how I haue be-
stowed them. I beseech thee also good
Lord, that while I liue and possesse
plenty

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plenty of all things from thee I may
be carefull to doo good vnto all men,
but especially vnto them that bee of
the houlhold of faith, according as
thy holy word hath commanded mee,
laying vp thereby a good store for my
selfe against the day of wrath, and to
make mee friends of vnrighteous
Sammion, that when I depart
hence, they may receiue me into euer-
lasting habitations.

And as these be thy good gyfts, O
heauenly Father, so I beseech thee
that I abuse them not, either by get-
ting, retayning, or otherwise by mis-
pending of them. Let not my hart
at any time be affected towards them,
nor my mind drowned in the delight
of them, but that alwaies I may es-
teeme both theis and all things else,
as vile dung and filthie durt in re-
spect of thee. And in the midst of mine
abundance, keepe mee, O Lord, that
I

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I aduance not my selfe vaine-glors
ouly aboue my brethren, that I be
not puffed vp, nor high minded, and
that I consume not thy treasure vp=
pon pride, whozedome, gluttonie,
drunkennesse, or any other wicked=
nesse else whatsoeuer, thereby pur=
chasing thy heauy iudgement against
mee for the same. But graunt good
Lord, that as thou hast made me
rich and wealthy in worldly sub=
stance, so thou wilt make mee much
richer in all goodnes, righteousness,
holines, and innocencie of life, thro=
ugh Iesus Christ our onely medi=
stour and aduocate: to whom
with thee and the holy ghost,
be praise for euer,
Amen.

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¶ A prayer for such as be poore
and needie.



Nternall and everla-
uing God, who ap-
pointed diuers and
sundry states & con-
ditions of men, some
rich, some poore, some
high, some lowe, and
hast notwithstanding commaunded
every one to be cōtent with his estate
and calling, without reppning or
grudging against thee for the same.
I a poore wretch, and miserable cri-
stie, whom it hath pleased thee to
place in the lowest and meanest de-
gree, most entirely beseech thy father-
lie goodnes, to giue mee grace to be
well contented with the same, to
submitte my will to thy will, to de-
pend

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pend wholly vpon thy prouidence, to
cast all my care vpon thee (who hast
promised to care for me) to repose all
my affiance, trust, and confidence in
thee, and none else, and so looke for all
good things at thy mercifull handes.
And though I bee poore and needie,
O Lord, yet I beseech thee, let mee
not dispaire of thy helpe, nor yet at-
tempt any vnlawfull means to main-
taine my estate withall contrary to
thy will. But grant that I hauing
all things necessarie in this life, both
for body and soule, may neyther be
swallowed by nor choaked with the
cares of the world, nor yet remaine
barren, and destitute of good works,
through Iesus Christ our Lord,
who liueth and rageth with thee
and the holy Ghost, world without
end. Amen,

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A prayer for the increase of
the fruits of the earth.



S thou hast created
all thinge generally,
O most merciful and
louing father, to the
setting forth of thy
glozy, so hast thou
ordayned them in e-

speciall for the vse and seruice of man,
and therefore hast commaunded the
earth to bring forth sundry kindes
of frutes, as namely, Corne, grasse,
heerbs, and such like, to the sustenta-
tion both of man and beast. Blesse
I beseech thee all the frutes of the
earth, vniuersally thorow the whole
world, but especially this Realme
of England, whose ground thou
hast begunne to make barren for the

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multitude of our finnes, whose garners & barnes thou hast made empty, and whose increase in all things, thou hast greatly within these fewe yeeres past diminished, forwarning vs thereby, that greater punishments are speedily hastening towards vs, vnlesse wee repent. Punish vs not O Lord, according to our desert, neyther let our finnes, which are the causes heereof, mooue thee any longer to wrath, or be a separation betwene vs and thy mercie: but in the multitude of thy compassions looke vpon our miseries, remember, O Lord, the multitude of the poore and needie, which haue already and daily doe perishe in this Land for want of foode, and by turning thy fauourable countenance towards vs, so increase againe and multiply our store, that wee hauing sufficient, may become helpful to the needie, and they and wee
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endeavouring to become newe creatures through fayth and repentance, may live together in love, and prayse thee for thy manifold mercies.

And that we may the better, O Lord be enriched with the blessing of abundance from thee, graunt that the earth be not over-pressed with too much raine, but that thou wouldest sende vs such seasonable weather, whereby we may reape the fruites thereof in due season. These blessings O Lord do we beg of thee, for Iesus Christ his sake, and what else soever thou in thy wisdom knowest to be more needful for vs, then we are able to aske, or any way woorthy of, calling vpon thee as our Saviour himselfe hath taught vs, saying: Our Father, &c.

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A prayer to obtaine grace of
God, against the assaults of the
world, the flesh, and the
deuill.



Lord God of eter-
nall glory, and fa-
ther of endles mer-
cie, wee thy vnwor-
thy creatures, are
holde, in the name
of thy beloued son
to present our selues befoze thee,
humbly beseeching thee, for his sake,
that thou wilt vouchsafe to sende
downe thy holy spirit into our harts,
to guide and governe vs in all our
godly waies, and to defend vs from
all manner of temptations of this
world, and the assaults thereof.

Lord

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Lord God of thine buspeakable
goodnes, grant that thy grace may
continue wth vs alwayes, and that
at no time wee swaue or fall from
thee. Let thy truth euermore be wth
vs, and make vs constant in the same,
that we neuer be afraid of any thing
which lyeth in the power of man o-
uer our bodies, but alwayes confes-
sing, that whomsoever thou pleasest
to defend, no Tyrant shall be able to
destroy. Strengthen and increase
fayth, loue, and charitie in the hearts
of all people. Make vs able to resist
the vaine pleasures of the world. Let
not the perillous allurements haue
any power to conquer and ouercome
vs, nor the subtilties thereof be able to
deceiue vs. Defend vs also, O Lord,
from the many perils and temptati-
ons, which the deuill our aduersa-
rie practiseth against vs, least we fall
into his snares. Let neyther his en-
deuours

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Deuils, nor the wanton inticements
of our own flesh pꝛeuail against vs.
We know, O Lord, that without thy
sufferance, hee of himselfe can take no
holde on vs, nor be able to diminish
the least hayre of our head. Giue
therefoze vnto vs such grace from
thee, that wee may be willing to
strive against the worlde, the flesh,
and the deuill, and such strength, as
wee may be able to bꝛake and beate
downe the force and vehemencie of
theyꝝ strong temptations. Graunte
vs thy heavenly light, whereby wee
may perfectly see and perceaue, those
malicious and cruell engines which
they lay to entrap vs, least vnwares
wee fall into the same. Euen now (O
Lord) in these perillous dayes, the
deuill and his ministers doe most bus-
ily seeke to lift vs by all meanes and
wayes possible, namely, by pride, en-
uie, malice, couctousnes, gluttonie,
drum

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Drunkennesse, fornication, and all other euill woorkes wherunto he dooth moue vs, and by him thrust into our hearts, and whereby (without the assistance of thy grace) he dooth bring vs within his baites and snares laid for our soules. And contrariwise, wee of our selues haue no abilitie nor any meanes to preuaile against them, butlesse thou of thy mercie vouchsafe to be gracious vnto vs, to strengthen vs by thy power, and to defend vs in all temptations which hee woorketh against vs, that he may not triumph ouer vs to our destruction.

Wee beseech thee from the bottome of our harts, to vouchsafe to be our comfort in all our troubles, to defend vs against all temptations, and that it would please thee, to direct, leade, and gouerne vs in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. So shall we dwell in safetic.

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O Lord, thou knowest, that among all creatures man is most rebellious against thee, and his offences and transgressions against thee most manifold: and contrariwise, euerie other creature in his kind, both most sweetly shewe thy power, might, and praise: and by them is thine omnipotence declared, but we in our liues, doe shewe our selues most vnkind and vnnaturall children towards thee, daily offending thy diuine Maiestie, and euery minute transgressing against thy lawes and commandements, nothing regarding thy iudgements, which might in a moment destroy vs. But thou **O** Lord in thy mercy dost vouchsafe notwithstanding to spare vs, admonishing vs to repentance and newnesse of life, that through our saythfull conuersion wee may bee saued. Raise vs by therefore, good Lord,
from

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from our droulie sluggishnesse, and carelesse securitie. Suffer vs not any longer to swallow and tumble our selues in our greivous iniquities. Let not sinne haue so much power ouer vs, or increase in vs. Destroy and ouerthrow sathan and his wilie polices. Roote out of our harts, all woorkes of the world, wicked motions of the flesh, and pernicious practises of the deuill, that we may no longer offend thy goodnes, and plant in vs such good thoughts, good motions, and good endeouours, that we may diligently serue thee in all things according to thy will, and embrace with willingnes thy holie Word, to the comfort of our soules, and setting forth of thy glory.

Open thy bountifull handes, O Lord, and blesse vs with all good gifts, giue vs obedient harts & willing mindes, to search and seeke out
the

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the truth of thy holie word, strengthen
then vs with constancie in the same,
that in all thinges we may leade our
liues accordingly, not as professors
alone, but as faithfull performers of
the same, to the vtter diligence of our
power. Confirme and stablish vs in
all good works, that wee may as true
Christians, sowe such seedes of thy
knowne truth, that others, from
whom the brightnes of thy Gospel
hath beene concealed, and kept vn-
knowne, may by our good example
take such happie fruites thereof, that
they may knowe thee, and be brought
home to thy folde as lost sheepe. Wee
thou, O Lord, our Sheeheard, and
let vs be the sheepe of thy folde, and
remaine in thy protection, both now
and alwaies to the end. Increase the
number of faithfull, diligent, & care-
full Ministers, Preachers, and di-
tributers of thy holy worde and sa-
craments,

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traments, and giue vnto them a single hart towards thee. Let them not be such as doe onely preach and teach thy word with the lyps and tongue, and haue theyr harts farre from thee, but that they inwardly with all their soule, in perfect fayth cleane vnto thee, and thy truth, and accordingly shewe the same in their life and conuersation. Drive also out of thy Church all buyers and sellers, and such as like rauening wolues seeke to liue by the spoyle of thy sheepe. Cast out O Lord, wee pray thee, such idle pastors as are crept into thy Church, who more respecting gaine then grace, imploy theyr studie for promotion, and leaue the flock vnfedde which is vnder their charge. Lord of thy vnspeakeable mercie deliuer vs from such carelesse keepers, & blind guides, least wee also being made blinde by their negligence, may be kept blinde
in

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in ignorance, and so with them, fall into the dangerous pit of thy deepe and heauie displeasure.

Reharse and pardon vs all our offences, teach vs to serue thee as wee ought, make strong our faith & hope in thee, endue vs with thy heauenlie light, that wee may perfectly see our foule and manifold enormities, and examining our owne consciences, and discerning our imperfections, wee may learne to amend our liues.

Make vs willing followers of thee, and diligent louers of thy lawe. Make vs penitent for our sins past, and continue in vs thy feare. Let vs not fall into any manner of temptation, but by thy mightie power deliver vs from all euill. To thee alone O Lord, belongeth mercy and forgiveness, and thou onely art our louing Saniour. Purge vs, and make vs cleane, that wee may bee found chosen.

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chosen vessels, fit to serue thee in this
life, and after, to obtaine perfit salua-
tion at thy mercifull hands, and en-
ioy euerlasting rest in thy celestiaall
habitation, prepared for thy faithfull
and elect people, and with thy holy
and blessed Angels, may sing prayse
vnto thy holy name for euer. These
blessings, O Father, we beseech thee
to bestow vpon vs for Iesus Christ
his sake, in whose Name we pray
vnto thee as he himselfe in his Gos-
pell hath taught vs: O our Father
which art in heauen, hallowed be thy
Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy
will be doone in earth as it is in hea-
uen, &c.

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A godlie prayer for Christian patience,



Gracious **G O D**
and most mercifull
father, which art
the strength of the
weake, the health
of the sick, the com-
fort and stay of the
feeble, the ioy and refuge of the trou-
bled, the helpe of the afflicted, the life
of such as put their trust in thee, the
God of patience & consolation: thou
knowest our weaknes & all our infir-
mities, how that wee are by nature
fearful, & of no courage to withstand
the force of our enemies, the tempta-
tions and troubles of this wicked
worlde, which sathan & his ministers
daily

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Daily stirreth vp against thy children,
vnclesse thou, O Lord, with thy mightie
arme defend vs. Vnto thee, (O
Lord) do wee flie, beseeching thee to
keepe vs sound in faith, stedfast in
hope, & constant in patience, when-
soeuer it shall please thy diuine Ma-
iestie to visite vs with any kinde of
temptation or affliction. O Lord we
beseech thee to giue vs grace, quietly
and ioyfully to suffer thy fatherly
hand and louing correction layd vpon
vs, and grant vs patience, that
we may cast our hope and confidence
vpon thee in all our troubles and ad-
uerſities, and neuer to thinke that
thou art angrie when thou punishest
vs: but alwaies to perswade our
selues, that whom thou louest thou
correctest for their amendement. For
tribulation bringeth forth patience:
patience, experience: and experience
hope: and hope maketh not ashamed.

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Therefore doe wee crie vnto thee (O God) to assist vs with patience, that wee may abide constant in thy feare with faith.

Giue vs at all times, in our troubles & afflictions, a tast of thy fatherly affection towards vs, that wee may be strengthened with al might, thzough thy glorious power, vnto all patience & suffering: and euermore praise thee, bee it in prosperitie or aduersity. Giue vs godly and patient mindes, wee beseech thee, O Lord, that wee wonder not when wee are tryed by fire, as though some straunge thing were come vnto vs, but rather let vs reioyce that wee be partakers of the afflictions of Christ, that when his glory appeareth, wee may reioyce and bee glad, and that thzough patience wee may runne to the battell that is before vs, looking vnto Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A prayer to be sayd before the
receiuing of the Sacra-
ment.

O Lord Iesus Christ,
which art the sweete
comfort of all that call
vpon thee, and the sure
succour of all such as
sue vnto thee, behold
me a most vnfull creature, and foule
offender, which bowing the knees
of my heart with all humility before
thee, confesse vnfainedly, that I am
not worthy to entertaine and receiue
thee into my vnfull & vncleane house.
Neuerthelesse, most louing Lord,
which hast sayd, that who so eateth
thy flesh, and drinketh thy blood, shall
dwell in thee, and thou in him, haue
mercy vpon me, I haue mercy vpon
me

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me most mercifull Saviour, and behold me most miserable sinner, prepared at this present, not only to let thee in vnder the rooſe of my mouth, but alſo to lodge thee in the houſe of my hart. O bountifull Jeſu, be my gracious Redeemer, and graunt that I receiue not the Sacrament of thy body and blood vnworthily, purchaſing thereby vnto my ſelfe death and damnation, but rather be made thorough faith in thee, a worthy receiuer, and a meete member of thy bleſſed bodie. Grant this I beſeech thee, for thine owne mercy ſake. Amen.

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A prayer to be sayd, after the
receiuing of the Sacra-
ment.



Sweete Saniour,
which with thy pre-
cious salve of com-
passion, curest the
foule & filthy sores
of our sinnes, and
prouidest for vs all
necessarie preseruatiues against the
poyson of soule-infecting malicious-
nesse, heare I beseech thee, the hum-
ble supplication of mee thy poore ser-
uant, which heere present my selfe
before thee at this present, and grant
that this my receiuing of the sacra-
ment of thy blessed bodie and blood,
may bee a true testimonie vnto my
conscience, that I haue through faith

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in thee, receiued full remission of all
my sinnes and offences past: and am
now become as it were a new crea-
ture in thy sight: I beseech thee like-
wise grant, that casting away all my
former works of wickednes, I may
henceforth walke in newnes of life,
and godly conuersation, bringing
forth such fruits or true conuerſion,
as may make others by my example
to honour and praise thy holy name.
And that running the whole race of
my life in dutifull obedience toward
thee, I may when it shall please thee
to thinke meet, be receiued among the
number of thine elect, into that euer-
lasting happines where we shall
be perfect in holines.

Amen.

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¶ A prayer against whoredome and vncleannes.



God which by thy
ho'y word hast com-
maunded, that for
the auoiding of the
filthy sinne of for-
nicatio, every man
shoulde haue his

lawfull wife, and every woman en-
ioy her lawfull husband, threating
death and damnation to all such as
seeke to liue contrary to thy comman-
dement heerein, I humbly beseech
thee for Christs sake, that thou wilt
mortifie & kill in mee all carnall con-
cupiscence, filthy motions, and fleshly
desires, by the operation of thy ho'y
Spirite in mee, that I neuer de-
file eyther my bodie or soule in this
loth-

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lothsome and striking sin of whoredome, adulterie, fornication, incest, or other uncleannes of bodie whatsoever, but liuing purely and unpolluted therewith all the daies of my life, I may practise to please thee in all my proceedings. I know, O Lord that flesh and blood, (that is, the filthy uncleane workes of flesh & blood) cannot enter into thy habitation, nor yet possesse any portion in thine everlasting kingdome of glory, and therefore, whensoever the deuill, his wicked members, the world or the flesh, shall tempt and prouoke mee to the preparation heereof, giue me power and strength to withstand their assaults, & put into my minde to consider, that thine eyes doe behold mee, and thy holy Angels looke vpon me, also, that the horrible company of devils compasse me about, readie to register my filthy fact in a booke of memo-
ries

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mortals, against the great day of the Lord. And so by thy gracious assistance, and these good considerations, I may bee partly terrified, and partly ashamed for euer to commit the same, knowing that thou who sparedst not the former world, but destroyedst Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone from heauen, the whole world with water, the Cittie of the Sicheinites with the edge of the sword, and the Children of Israell at sundrie times slaying infinite millions for this horrible vice, wilt not spare mee a most wicked and abhominable sinner, if I commit the like offence. Wherefore blessed Father, suffer mee not thy deere Child in Iesus Christ, bought with thy most precious blood, to bee once spotted, stayned, or blemished, eyther in bodie or minde, with this filthy stinking sinne of whoredome
and

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and fornication, that I appearing
cleane in thy sight, may after this life
ended, liue with thee, thy sonne Je-
sus Christ, and the holy Ghost: one
true and euertliuing God world
without end. Amen.

¶ A prayer against couetousnes and ambition.

O Almighty God and most
mercifull Father, who hast
commanded euery man to
labour and trauaile in his
vocation and calling, there-
by to releue his necessities, and to
maintaine his estate, and hast pro-
mised thereto my blessing. Blesse I
beseech thee all my actions & labours,
which I shall at any time take in
hand in thy name, that thereby I
receiuing sufficient sustentation and
main-

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maintenance for mine estate and calling, may bee free from the insatiable desires of couetousnes, ambition, avarice, and all desire of all unlawfull gaine, knowing, that those that desire to be rich, fall into diuers temptations & snares of the deuill. From which contagious infection, I beseech thee so much more warily to keepe mee, by how much more I find the same forbidden in thy holy word. Thy holy Apostle calleth it idolatry, worshipping of Idols, & the root of all euill, excluding them out of the kingdome of heauen that bee infected therewith. And thy deere sonne Iesus Christ telleth vs that it shall bee easier for the Cammell to go through the eye of a needle, then for a rich man (that is, a couetous rich man, whose affiance is in his riches) to enter into the kingdome of heauen. Wherefore (good Father) keepe mee
far

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far from this filthy vice of conetoul-
nesse and abition, and graunt that I
hauing food for my body, and clothes
for my backe, with all other necessa-
rits incident to this life, may be well
contented therewith, not coueting
oz desiring any more, and al the daies
of my life, in true simplicitie of heart,
may giue thee praise and thankses for
the same. Finally, graunt that I see-
king the kingdom of heauen and the
righteousnes thereof, (as thou hast
commaunded vs in thy holy word)
may receiue the reward of thy pro-
mise, that is, all thinges necessary for
this life, and in the life to come ener-
lasting glory, thozow Iesus Christ
our sauour, to whom with thee and
the holy ghost, three persons and one
God, be all praise, honour, and glory,
both now and for euer. Amen.

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¶ A prayer against vsuall and
common swearing.



D Almighty God and
most louing father, in
thy holy word the word
of truth, thou sayest
that the man who bleseth
to sweare much, is ac-
cursed, and the plague shall neuer de-
part from his house, and in thy holy
Gospell hath said, that we shall ren-
der accounts at the day of iudgment
of euery idle word that wee speake.
Oh how much more shall wee giue
accounts of euery prophane blas-
phemous and bloodie oath, that wee
sweare: And therefore to the end,
wee might auoide thy vengeance a-
gainst that day, thou hast commaun-
ded vs not to sweare at all, but that
our

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communication be yea, yea, nay, nay,
for whatsoever is more, then that,
rammeth of euill. Wherefore, I be-
sech thee (good Lord) in the bowels
of thy mercy, so to dispose and order
my tongue, and mouth (the vse
whereof thou hast giuen mee aboue
other creatures, to glorifie thee with-
all) that thereby I abuse not blas-
pheme not thy holy name. For true
it is, O Lord, that swearers and
blasphemers of thy holy name, as
much as lyeth in them, doe crucifie
thy sonne a fresh, and are as guiltie
of his blood as Judas that betrayed
him, or the cursed Jewes that slew
him.

And seeing that to sweare by thee
whose blessed name is neuer to bee
thought of, nor yet once called into
question, but with great reuerence,
feare, and dread, is most horrible
blasphemie, and to sweare by anie
creas

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creature else, is most detestible idolatrie, keepe me I beseech thee, from all manner of vnlawfull swearing, and from all wicked bloody oathes, that both my hart, tongue, & mouth, and all partes else, both of bodie and soule, may be instruments of prayse, to set forth thy glory all the daies of my life, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer against pride.

O Lord, thou hast in thy holy Gospell commanded vs by all meanes possible to eschew the filthy vice of pride, (which is a certaine rebellion of the hart against thee) and to haue all things to embrace, and curre hold fast the anker of humilitie. A perfect patterne wherof wee may learne

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learne in thee. (Oh blessed **Sauioꝝ**)
who wast humble, lowly, courteous,
gentle, mercifull, pitifull, full of com=
passion and all goodnesse, not disdain=
ing the vilest person, or lothsomest
lazer that ever liued if hee faithfully
beleued in thee. Thou humblest thy
selfe, that wee might be exalted, thou
becamdest poore, to make vs rich,
thou camdest downe to the earth to
liue in humilitie that wee might bee
exalted, to liue in felicitie.

Thou wast poore in estate, meane
in attire, and base in all things before
the world, in respect of thy humani=
tie, but before thy heauenly Father,
in respect of thy death most magnifi=
call, and glorious. And therefore
not without cause thou biddest vs
learne of thee, saying: Learne of mee
for I am humble and lowly, and
your seules shall liue. Thou ouer=
throwest the proud in their owne
magi

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imagination, and giuest grace to the humble, yea thou so much abhorrest pride, that thou iudgest them to euerlasting damnation that offende therein.

If wee would consider with our selues our owne miserie, wee should haue no cause to rise vp into pride. For in respect of our bodies are wee any thing else, then vile dung and ashes: and in respect of our soules, til they be regenerate, by the spirite of God are they not bondslaves to satan, receptacles to fiends, and subiect to euerlasting damnation: What haue wee now that wee haue not receiued? For whercof may wee bee proud: Wherefore (O my God) I beseech thee who art the true mirror of all humilitie, giue me the spirit of meeknes, humblenes, and lowlines of hart, and keepe mee from all filthy pride and arrogancy of bodie

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oz mind, that I neuer lift vp my selfe
into pride against thee, oz thinke of
my selfe, aboue that which I am of
my selfe, but that I casting downe
my selfe, and distrusting mine owne
worthynes, may be by thee aduanced
to eternall glozy. Grant that those
things, which thou gauest me for ne-
cessities sake only (as thou didst my
apparrell to hide my shame withall)
may neuer be abused of me as instruc-
ments of wickednesse. And those
things which thou gauest mee to
prayse and glorie thee with all, as
thou diddest my hart, my tongue and
mouth, I neuer abuse to thy disho-
nour. And as it may please thee to
indue mee with this true humilitie of
mind, towards thee, so I beseech thee
to giue me the true humilitie of body
and mind towards my bretheren also,
that I bee not puffed vp, nor aduance
my selfe aboue them, disdainyng, oz
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contemning them, though otherwise neuer so meane, or contemptible before the world.

And when soeuer the enemy assaileth mee, to stirre me vp to pride, I beseech thee, whose power is incomprehensible, to strengthen mee to withstand his temptations, and set before the eyes of my minde, the examples of thy iudgement inflicted vpon the children of pride in all ages, as namely, how thou threwest downe Lucifer, being a bright Angell in heauen, into hell fire, how thou condemnest Adam and all his posteritie. How thou destroyedst Sennacherib that huge gyant, Goliath that fierce monster, Nabuchadnezer that ambitious and bloody tyrant, Herod that arrogant miscreant, and manie others, who through the sinne of pride rebelled against thee, and may by these examples bee terrified from committing

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ting this great and heynous sinne against thee, that I humbling my selfe in this world, after the consummation of this life, may be exalted in the kingdome of heauen, there to raigne with thee for ever. Amen.

¶ A prayer against gluttony and drunkennes.

As thou hast created man (oh most mercifull Father) after thy owne similitude and likeness, and hast giuen vnto him a perfect body like vnto thy son Iesus Christ, so hast thou ordained and provided him ordinary meanes, as meate, drinke, flesh, fish, hearbs, oyles, wines, and what not to keepe and sustaine the same. And hast commanded these thy creatures to be moderatly taken, to the sustentation

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tation of the bodie with praise and thanksgiving to thee, accursing them to hell, who by abusing, not lawfully using these thy blessings, make them instrumentes of sinne, and so consequently of damnatio to themselves.

Giue me grace I beseech thee, that I neuer abuse thy gifts through gluttony, drunkennesse, ryot, or excesse. But that I liuing in all godly temperance, and sobrietie, may be thankful vnto thee for them, and also vse them for my necessity. Knowing that our meates without thy blessing, cannot nourish the body, but destroy it rather, as experience daily teacheth.

Make me (O Lord) to loath and de-
test this horrible vice so much the
more in respect of the filthines of the
same, for besides that it transformeth
man into the image of a beast, for ra-
ther maketh him worse then a beast
(for they neyther eate nor drinke
with=

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Without measure) it also blindeth his eyes of reason, that hee seeth not the wickednes that he committeth. And therefore Lot being drunke, perceiued not his incestuous fact, committed with his two daughters. The Israelites swelling in gluttony, and drunkenness perceiued not their greuous sinne of Idolatrie, which they fell into. The rich glutton drunke with the aboundance of all things perceiued not his contempt of the poore, nor yet their great want, and therefore thou in thy wrath tookest them away from the face of the earth. By these, and the like examples of thy iudgements, grant, O heavenly Father, that I being admonished, may be carefull and Rudious, neuer to be culpable in this filthy vice, least in thy wrath thou depprue mee of the vse of thy creatures in this life, and in the world to come giue me my portion

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portion with the wicked, in the lake that burneth with fire and brimston, and neuer shall be quenched.

This is the rewarde thou threatnest in thy holy word, to all drunkards, gluttons, and riotous persons, saying by the mouth of the Apostle, neither whoremongers, adulterers, gluttons, drunkards, nor such like, shall euer enter into the kingdom of Heauen. Wherefore, most deere Father, I beseech thee to deliuer mee in thy mercy, that I neuer bee stayned therewith, but may alwaies vse thy gifts to thy glozy, the reliefe of my owne necessities, and the helpe and comfort of others that doe want the same. And grant that I seeking after, not onely this corporall foode, which perisheth, but also that swete Ambrosia and heauenly Nectar, the word of life, which neuer decayeth, may after the end of this life haue

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haue the full fruition thereof, to my
eternall comfort, and for euer laude
and praise thy blessed name, thozome
Jesus Christ our redeemer, Amen.

¶ A prayer against Idlenes and
Sloth.

After that thou haddest, O
most louing Father, created
man, thou placest him in pa-
radice, commanding him for
the auoyding of idlenesse, to
dresse and manure the same. And af-
terward being cast out of Paradise
for the sinne of transgression, & sent
into the world, thou enioynest him
in the sweat of his face to eate his
bread, to the end he should not at any
hand be idle, and so minister occasion
to the enemy to inuade him, for man
being idle, and inclined to sloth, the
Deuill

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Deuill he beseegeth vs with thousand
of temptations, our flesh lusteth to
euill, and our minds are inflamed to
all kind of wickednes. Wherefore
most mercifull Father I most hear-
tily beseech thee, that during the short
course of my life in this world, I
may be alwaies godly occupied, and
vertuously exercised in the assayes
of this life, and in all manner of good
works before thee, that my enemies
the deuill, the world, nor the flesh
preuaile not against me. And con-
sidering that I must render accounts
of all my actions whatsoeuer, and of
euerie minute of an houre, or iote of
time lent me in this life, I beseech
thee giue mee grace to spend my time
in such godly actions as may please
thee, and not in idlenes, sloth, or in a-
ny wanton, lewd, lasciuious, or wic-
ked exercise, that being found faith-
full and vigilant in my calling, when
the

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the day of tribulation commeth,
when every man shall be rewarded
according to his deedes, I may ob-
taine everlasting life. And as it may
please thee to keepe my bodie from
idleness and sloth, so bounsafely I be-
seech thee, to exercise my soule in god-
ly contemplations and vertuous me-
ditations of thee, and of thy holy and
blessed word, together with thy hea-
uenly loyes and beatitudes, prepared
for all those that vnfaignedly long for
thy coming. In the practising
whereof, make mee to loue nothing
but thee, to honour and obey thee, to
feare, dreade, and reuerence thee, and
to desire and couet nothing but thee,
that I dwelling with thee in minde,
onely during this life, may after the
desolution of this earthly tabernacle
dwell with thee in body and soule
world without end, Amen.

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¶ Another prayer.



Eternall God, the father of our Lorde Iesus Christ, I giue to thee most hartly thanks, for that of thine abundant mercy, thou hast begotten me againe into a liuely hope by the Resurrection of Iesus Christ from death, to an inheritance immortal and vndefiled, and that perisheth not, reserved in heauen for me, whom thou hast taken to be thy chylde, of adoption by Iesus Christ: keepe mee I beseech thee by thy power, through faith vnto saluation, which saluation, is prepared already to bee shewed in the last time. wherein cause mee O Lord, to reioyce, though nowe for a season I am in heauines through
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manifest temptations, that the triall
of my faith being much moze preci-
ous then the triall of golde that pe-
risheth, and yet is tried with fire,
may bee found to be laud, glory, and
honour, at the appearing of Iesus
Christ, whom though I haue not
seene: worke by thy holy spirite I
pray thee, that notwithstanding I
may loue constantly, in whom euen
now, though I see him not, yet settle
my beleefe, that I may reioyce with
ioy vnspeakable and glorious, pati-
ently abiding to receiue the ende of
my fayth, to wit, the saluation of
my soule. Gird vp also Lord, the
loynes of my minde, that I being so-
ber and watchfull: may trust per-
fectly on the grace, that is brought
vnto me now, when Iesus Christ is
manifestly preached vnto me, that I
do not, as becometh an obedient
child, fashion my selfe to obey the
lusts

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Iusts of the flesh, wherewith I was carried heeretofore through ignorance of Christ, but that hauing my conuersation in the feare of God: I bestowe the remnant of mine abode heere in newnes of life, especially, for that I know, that I was not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from my vaine conuersation: but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb vndefiled and without spot. And euen as thou haddest ordained thy Christ to bee my Saviour before this world was made, but diddest make him knowne manifestly in these latter times for our sakes, which through faith beleeue in thee, O most mercifull Father: Euen so I beseech thee worke in mee by the selfe same thy sonne, that I may purifie my soule by the holy ghost in obeying the truth, that with brotherly loue, boyde of all say-
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ving in a pure hart, I may loue my neighbour feruentlie. And that I beeing bozne a new: not of a mortall seede, but of immortall by the Worde of God, which lieth and lasteth for ever: may offer by spiritual sacrifice through the holy Ghost, & acceptable to thee my onely God, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Another prayer.

Eternall God which hast highly exalted thy Sonne Iesus Christ, and hast given him a name, which is aboue euerie name, that in the name of Iesus every knee should bow, of things in Heauen, and things in earth, and thinges vnder the earth: I bow my knees vnto thee, O Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, of whom all the family

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familie in heauen and earth is named:
that thou wouldest grant mee, according
to the riches of thy glory, to be
strengthened with might by thy spirit
in the inner man, that Christ may
dwell in my heart by fayth, that I
may be rooted and grounded in loue,
that I may bee able to comprehend
with all Saints, what is the bredth,
length, depth, & height of the know-
ledge of Christes loue towards vs,
which excelleth all knowledge, and
that I may be filled with all fulnesse
of God. Vnto thee that art able to do
exceeding abundantly aboue all that
I aske or thinke, according to thy
power that worketh in me, be glorie
in the Church, by Christ Iesus
throughout all ages, worlde without
end. Amen.

O God, most mercifull Father,
which in times past at sundry times
and in diuers manners spakest vnto
the

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the fathers in the Prophets, and
hast in these dayes spoken vnto vs
in the sonne, whom thou hast ap=
pointed heire of al things, by whom
also thou madest the worldes, who
being the brightnes of thy glory, and
the very Image of thy substance, by=
holding all things with the word of
his power, hauing by himselfe pur=
ged our sinnes, sat on the right hand
of the Maiestie on high: to whom
thou saydest, thou art my sonne, this
day haue I begotten thee. This day
beget me againe, I beseech thee in=
structing mee from aboue by that
same grace, which appeared health=
full to all men, that I denying vn=
godlines & filthy lusts, may liue so=
berly, godly, and iustly in this pre=
sent world, looking for that blessed
hope and appearance of the glory of
the great God, and our Sauour, Je=
sus Christ, who liuet hand raigneth
with

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With thee, in the vnitie of the holy Ghost for euer and euer. Amen.

O Lord my heauenly Father, almighty and euerlasting God, which hast safely brought mee to the beginning of this day, defend mee in the same with thy mightie power, and graunt that this day I fall into no sinne, neither runne into any kinde of danger: but that all my doings may bee ordered by thy gouernance, to doe alwaies that is righteous in thy sight, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend James our King, and all his faithfull Counsellers, namely R. R. my selfe wholly, my wife, children. and whole family, and thy vniuersall Church: for thou hast redeemed vs O Lord our God.

O God of our Lord Iesus Christ, the Father of glory, giue me thy spirit
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rit of wisdom and reuelation by the knowledge of thee: and lighten the eyes of my minde, that I may know the hope wherunto thou hast called me, how rich the glozy of thine inheritance is in thy Saints, and what is the exceeding greatnes of thy power to vs ward, which beleue according to the mightie power, which thou wroughtest in Christ, when thou raystedst him from the dead: and diddest set him on thy right hand in heauenlines. Quicken mee also, being dead by sinne, and rayse me vp with him: and cause mee to sit in heauenlines with Christ Iesus, by whom most bountifull Father, all praise be to thee, now & ever. Amen.

Almighty God and most mercifull Father: seeing wee haue liberty to enter into holy places in the blood of Iesus, by the new and liuing way which hee hath prepared for vs, through

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through the bayle, that is to say, his
flesh: w^hae I beseech thee by thy
holy spirit, that I draw nigh vnto a
a true hart, in assurance of faith: that
I being sprinkled in my hart from
an euill conscience, and washed in
bodie with a pure water: may hold
the profession of my hope without
waxering, (for hee is faithfull that
promised,) and that I may consider
my brethren, prouoking them vnto
loue and good w^orkes, not forsaking
the assembling of our selues toge-
ther, but exhorting one another (and
so much the more) for that I see the
day approaching: suffer mee not ther-
fore to cast away my confidence,
which hath great recompence of re-
ward. For I haue great need of pa-
tience, that after I haue done the
will of God, I may receiue the pro-
mise. Wherefore all things laid away
that presse me downe (especially sin,
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that hangerth to fast vpon me,) cause me, O God, to runne with patience in the race that is set befoze mee, looking vnto Iesus, the beginner and finisher of my faith: Which for the ioy that was set befoze him, endured the crosse, despised the shame, and set himselfe downe on the right hand of the throne of God, where he maketh intercession for mee, to whom with thee, O Father, and the holy Ghost, be prayse now and for euer. Amen.

A prayer.

O Lord God and heavenly father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, which didst promise vnto Abraham, that thou wouldest bee the God of his seede for euer. Which hast promised
also

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also to subdue Moab and Esau, that
is to say, all Heathen miscreants, and
idolatrous Papists, to thy chosen
Israell, and to gather vnder one
shepheard, thy seruauit Dauid
Christ our Sauour, all thy scatter-
red sheepe, both of the Jewes and
Gentiles, that there might be one
shepheard and one fold. Mercifully
behold thy flock amongst them, both
dispersed and scattered, erring, wan-
dering, and going astray with per-
uerse mindes and erronious opini-
ons, farre from thy fold, not know-
ing as yet, nor regarding the voice
of thy Sonne, the onely good shep-
heard, which did giue his soule for
his sheepe. And drawe them we be-
seech thee home againe, to the fold of
thy Sonne Iesus Christ, without
whom there is no saluation, no com-
fort, no health, no hope, no stay of
conscience: but miserable wandering

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from error to error, and in the end
better desperation, haue mercy there-
fore on thy miserable stray sheepe, for
their shepherds sake, and for the
glory of thine own name, for the am-
plifying and enlarging the kingdom
of thy Sonne Christ, who is declar-
ed already in the flesh of his mani-
fest miracles, iustified in spirit, scene
of the Angels, preached among the
people, belov'd vpon in the world,
and receiued in glory, and shortly
shall come in the same glori-
ry, to make his enemies
his footstole. So
be it.

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¶ A thanksg-iving when a
woman is deliue-
red.

O Eternal and almighty God:
thy power and might is to
be praised and magnified for
ever. For in the greatest
weaknes of man, thy pow-
er is seene: in the greatest daungers,
thy saluation is knowne: therefore
wee prayse thy name, and giue thee
thanks for all thy great mercies and
wonderfull workes. Namely, Lord
wee giue thee thanks for thy mercy
shewed to our Sister at this time, in
bringing her through many & great
dangers of childbirth, and in giuing
her the fruite of her bodie. It was
thy hand, O Lord, that hath done
it, for it is a worke greater then all
the

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the wisdome and power of man.
Deere Father, we beseech thee euer
heereafter, to deliuer the mother and
the childe out of all their dangers as
may best make for thy glory, and
their saluation, in Iesus Christ.
Touching vs, wee thanke thee for
blessing our worke, beseeching thee,
that wee beholding thy outstret-
ched arme, and rich mercies, may
be drawne by them, to serue thee in
feare and reuerence all the dayes of
our life: saying, as hee hath taught
vs. Our Father which art in
heauen, hallowed bee thy
name, thy kingdome
come, thy will be
done, &c.

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A prayer to bee confirmed in
the true knowledge of Gods
word, for the reading, hearing
and studying of the
same.



Most mightie and e-
ternall God, although
thy goodnes, mercy, and
truth to mankind in all
thy workes dooth a-
boundantly appeare:
yet heerein chiefly thou declarest
thy selfe to bee fauourable, mer-
cifull, and gracious, that not suf-
fering vs to walke in darknesse,
ignozaunce, and blindenesse, thou
hast giuen vs thy most holy and
blessed worde, to bee a lanterne
vnto my fete, to lighten our steps
in

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in the path-way to euerlasting life,
least wee should walke in the sha-
dome of death, in which thy most
blessed and sacred word, thou hast
fully and perfectly set forth vnto
mankinde, so much of thy glorious
Majestie, as was expedient for vs to
knowe: and not onely that, but hast
therein also fully, wholly, and perfect-
ly exprest thy most holy and blessed
will, whatsoeuer is necessarie for the
saluation of mankind to be knowne,
to bring him to life euerlasting. Giue
me grace most mercifull Father, that
for so high a treasure left among vs,
I may be thankfull, reuerently eni-
brace, accept and esteeme of the same,
as the most precious iewel in earth,
be thereon confirmed most strongly,
that all things therein contayned to
bee most certaine and vndoubtedly
true, not by any mortal man, but by
thy most holy spirit in man, penned
and

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and written to the comfort and be-
hoofe of man: that I may most hum-
bly, lowly, and with most high reue-
rence, submit my selfe thereunto, as
becommeth thy eternal Maiesty, and
the word proceeding out of thy most
blessed mowth, that I may reuerent-
ly with humblenes and obedience,
read, heare, and occupie my selfe in
the same, to the comfort of my soule,
and encrease of thy glory. Lighten
mine vnderstanding, most deere Fa-
ther, with thy holy spirit that I may
learne, cleerely to conceiue, and vnder-
stand the things therein contay-
ned, which no mortall man can con-
ceiue, saue those who haue learned of
thee, and whom thou by thy holy spi-
rit dost lighten and instruct, guide
me (deere Father) with thy holy spi-
rite, that hauing the true vnderstan-
ding of the misteries therein contay-
ned, I may bee fully established, and

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confirmed in the true knowledge of thee my deere Father, and of thy beloued sonne Christ Iesu, my Lord and Sauour, throughly in conscience perswaded that I haue my full and perfect saluation and life euerslasting in him, and through his attouement, made through his death and passion, that I do not vainely abuse the knowledge of thy most sacred word, to satisfie vaine curiositie, or bragge of knowledge: but onely to the releuing of my hungry & wounded conscience, to the loosing of my fettered soule, and the appeasing of my sorrowfull hart: that I may to the end of my life, walke in sincerity before thee, my heauenly Father, in the comforts of thy deere sonne our Sauour, vpholden still by the mercifull power of the holy Ghost, to thine euerslasting praise and glorie world without end. Amen.

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¶ Another before the reading,
hearing, or studying of
Gods word.

A Almighty and most mercifull
Father, which hast in thy
blessed worde reuealed thy
most holy will, whatsoeuer
was expedient for vs to know
concerning thy Maiestie and our
saluation, giue mee grace good
Lord, that I may haue a hartly desire
and a willing minde, diligently, and
with my whole endeavour, to read,
heare, and studie thy holy Scrip-
tures, with humble obedience, sub-
mitting my iudgement, to thy holy
and infinite wisdomie therein con-
tained, and that I may fruitfully
trauaile therein: graunt me heauen-
ly Father thy holy spirit, to lighten
mine

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mine vnderstanding, and to touch
my hart, that I may thoroughly vnderstand
the misteries therein con-
tayned to the comfort of my soule, so
that my whole life and conuersation
may be thereafter directed, to the ho-
nour and glozy of thy name, and the
peace of my conscience, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer to bee confirmed
in the knowledge of
God.

O Most mightie, and eternall
God, thou by the crea-
tion of the world, the Sunne, the
Moone, and Starres, the
earth, the Sea, and all that
therein is, hast sufficiently declared
thy selfe to be the everlasting and al-
mightie God, for that these things do
farre

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farre passe the reach of mans wisdom. And not heerein onely hast thou declared thy selfe to bee God: but in that also that thou doest continually guide & gouerne all thinges of thee created: It is thou therefore that thunderest from heauen, that with lightnings and tempestes, and of waters and windes, shewest thy terrible vengeance vpon sinfull flesh. It is thou, O God, which lettest vs feeble senciibly in our selues, thy mighty power and working, not onely in that, that thou hast made our bodies and soules: but especially, that thou makest vs ruen of force to confesse thy eternall spirit in vs, who so mightily fighteth against the assaults of the enemy, that of force we are driven to acknowledge that it is thy working in vs, and not wee our selues. Seeing therefore, O most mercifull Father, that we haue both
in

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in thy creatures, & also in our selues
so manifest testimonie, that thou on-
ly art the eternall and euer living
God, which raigest in all thy cre-
atures, guiding them by thy heauenly
prouidence: grant we beseech thee,
that our harts may bee heereof fully
assured to acknowledge thee not on-
ly to bee God eternall, who hast
created all things: but also that wee
may in heart be fully perswaded, that
thou O Lord God, dost gouerne all
things according to thy most blessed
will, so that nothing can be done in
the world without thine appoint-
ment, and that thou hast such a sin-
gular care ouer thine elected people,
so that not so much as an haire of
their head shall fall without thy pro-
uidence, that thou so guidest all their
doings, that all things shall turne to
their commodity & thy glory. Grant
O Lord God, that heereof wee may
be

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See fully assured in our harts and
soules, that we may in all our doings
set thee before our eyes: acknowled-
ging thee to be our onely Lord and
Father, and by the working of thy
holie spirit in vs: may be confirmed
in faith, comforted in soule, and
lightened in vnderstanding, that al-
waies heere vpon earth, we may glo-
rifie thy holy name, and after the dis-
solution of this body, wee may at-
taine to euerlasting ioy, through our
Lord and Sauioꝝ Iesus Christ, who
liueth and raigneth, world with
out end. Amen.

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¶ A prayer for patience in tribulation, and that God may be glorified thereby.

O Eternal God & most mercifull Father, who hast frō time to time, in all ages exercised euen thy most decre children with greuous afflictions, and sharpe corrections, to drawe their mindes and desires from the too much loue of worldlie pleasures, to bee delighted in heauenlie ioyes, and spirituall comforts of the soule: graunt I beseech thee, that I euen frō the bottome of my hart, may acknowledge this affliction, which dooth nowe greuously pearce my soule, to be thy fatherly correction,
and

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and scourge of thy meere mercy, and
Ioue layd vpon me, to put me in mind
of my dutie towards thee, least else,
with too much quietnesse, I should
haue beene drawne through the flat-
tering pleasures of this vaine world,
from the remembrance and delight of
my spirituall ioy in heauenly things,
to haue had my unfull delight in this
vaine world, and so should haue run
headlong to euerlasting damnation
with the wicked world. But that
thou (O Father) hast called mee
back by this thy fatherly rod, where-
by thou mindest to let mee see, that of
my selfe I haue no strength vnto
goodnes, but that it was thou, who
by thy abundant mercy, haddest be-
fore time replenished my hart with
ioy, that I tooke great pleasure and
comfort in reading and hearing thy
holy word, and receauing other thy
benefits: with spirituall comfort and

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quietnes of minde, because I did not fully acknowledge to be thy good gift in mee, thou hast now taken from me (for a time) that I may effectually perceiue and learne by the lacke of it, that it was thy worke in me, and when thou restorest the same againe, I may more abundantly glorifie thee in thy manifold mercies. But while it shall bee thy good will and pleasure, O Lord, to exercise me with this thy louing correction: giue mee grace that I may patiently abide, whatsoeuer it shall please thee to lay vpon me for my amendment, strengthen me O Lord, that I doe not faint vnder the burthen of affliction: but being vpholden by the strength of thy holy spirit in mee, I may neuer cease calling vpon thy name, with full assurance that thou wilt at thy time appoynted, send me full deliuerance to my singular comfort, and thy eternall

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eternall glory. And when it shall please thee, O Lord, fully to deliuer mee: I beseech thee so worke in my hart, that I may acknowledge the same to come from thee, to be thy onely worke, that I may be thankfull for thy so great mercies all the dayes of my life, and I neuer forget thy louing and fatherly dealinges towards mee, but so to the end of my life I may liue in thy feare and loue, that thy holy name in my life may be glorified, and after death, I may be re- ceaued to that full ioy, which thou hast prepared for thine elect children, through our onely Lord and Saniour Iesus Christ.
Amen.

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¶ A prayer to feele in hart spirituall comforts and
Fayth.

O Lord God and most merces
full Father, now I fully
perceiue and knowe, that the
heart of man is not in his
owne hande, for thou hast
taught mee, by diminishing thy spy-
rite of comfort in my hart, that it
reflecteth wholie in thy power to make
ioyfull the heart of man, and to di-
minish the same ioy according to thy
good pleasure and will: for if (O
Lord G D D) it had beene in mine
owne power and will to haue recea-
ued comfort in thy holic word, or to
haue beleueed, thy promises from my
heart: I would long since haue en-
ioyed comfort and beene confirmed in
faith,

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sayth, but I cannot (most mercifull
father) it is thy meere worke, I
looke therefore, O gracious G D D,
for thy blessed comfort and strength
of sayth, which I beseech thee, O
Lorde sende into my heart, to fill the
same with spirituall ioy, that by the
working of thy holy Spirit in mee,
the comfortable promises of thy mer-
cifull protection may bee throughlie
sealed in my heart, and sinke downe
deepe into my soule, that I may bee
fully assured that thou art my strong
rocke and house of defence, that thou
doozt keepe mee as the apple of thine
eye, as thou hast promised in thy
blessed worde, that thou wilt not lay
more vpon mee, then thou wilt giue
mee strength to abide, and that thou
wilt assuredly at thine appoynted
time renue my heart, and the whole
powers of my mind, that I may ful-
lie glorifie thy holy name. But in the
meane

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meane time, O Lord, alas, my hart
is cleane boyde of spirituall ioy, yea,
euen as hard as a stone, so that the
loving promises of thy holy Word,
(although I know them to be true)
yet they cannot Anke into my hard
and stonic hart, vntill such time as
thou by encreasing of thy holy spirit
in me, shalt mollifie and make tender
my hard hart, that it may be meet to
receaue the sweet comfort of thy spyr-
it. Thy holy spirit, O Lord, in mee,
which is the assurance of my salua-
tion, doth continually send forth vn-
speakable sighs and longings, for thy
full and ioyfull presence. I beseech
thee therefore, (deere Father) for thy
sonne Christ Iesus sake, harken vnto
my prayers, and graunt my re-
quests, make tender my harde and
stony hart, by thy holle Spirit, that
I may from the bottome of my hart,
acknowledge thee to bee my most
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mercifull God and Father, and all
things in thy holy worde contayned
to bee most certaine and true, reue-
rently embrace the same, and into my
soule take comfort and ioy of the
same: that I may, deere Father, euen
vnto my liues end, walke before thy
face in sinceritie of hart, being as-
sured of my saluation, through that
one alone sufficient sacrifice for my
sinnes, made by thy deere sonne
Christ Iesu, to whom with thee and
the holy Ghost, bee all honour
and glorie, world with-
out end. Amen.

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¶ A prayer after benefites obtained, to acknowledge them onely to come of God.



Lord God, I feele
in my selfe howe
mercifully y^e hast
deale with mee,
græuouſly I was
troubled, and now
by thy goodneſſe
partly releſed, how
dangerouſlie I was assaulted, and
nowe by thy merſie partly deliuered:
this reliefe althougħ I muſt needes
confeſſe by infallible arguments to
be thy onely worke in me, yet ſuch is
the pride of my rebellious fleſh, that
it will not ſuffer mee, to aſcribe fully
the


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the same to proceede of thee, and thine
onely goodnes: but seeketh out other
fained causes, according to the vaine
denises of my minde, therefore I be-
seech thee most gracious father, that
thou wilt so frame my hart, that I
may with whole hart and mind, and
with all the powers of my soule, ac-
knowledge this my comfort and ayde
to be thy onely worke, wrought in
me by thy holy spirit, and that I may
be thankfull for the same all the dayes
of my life. O Lord, thou hast sworn
by thy holinesse, that thou wilt not
give thine honour to any other: see-
ing then deere Father, that thou hast
sent me his strength: let mee be per-
swaded fully in heart (deere Father)
that it cometh from thee, that to
thee I may render due honour, praise
and thanksgiving for the same, and
the rest of my life, that I may be as-
sured in hart of thy mercifull defence,
in

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in mine extreame dangers, as thou
hast manie times wonderfully deli-
uered mee, that thou wilt according
to thy promise, so continue thy mer-
cifull ayde, whereby thy name in mee
may be glorified, my soule in mercie
preserued, and thy whole Church ex-
alied, now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for constant per-
seuerance in praying, when
wee are dull to
prayer.

 Lord God, most mereti-
full Father, according
to thy comendement,
in mine afflictions and
necessities, I seeke to
thee for succor by con-
tinuall prayer, and calling vpon thy
name,

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name, I call vpon thee in the day
time, and in the night season doe I
poure out prayers vnto thee, and yet
for all that I feele me nothing releas
ed, but oftentimes worse and worse,
which maketh mee oftentimes deere
Father, almost to doubt of thy good-
nesse, that thou dost reiect my pray-
ers, and giuest no heede vnto them,
whereby I doe almost thinke, that
it is no boote for mee to pray: seeing
I feele no release, but (**O Lord**) this
is my weakenes in me, and the frail-
tie of my flesh, which will not wil-
lingly bee subdued vnto the spirite:
which my frailtie, I beseech thee, **O**
Lord, forgive me. For thou dost, **O**
Lord God, see my conflicts, and loo-
kest vpon my continuall sighes and
petitions, but thou dost deferre and
prolong thine helpe the longer: and
dost not at the first helpe me, to this
end, that I may see fully mine owne
weake-

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Weaknes, learne by little and little,
to subdue my rebellious will, to thy
good will, who knowest better what
is meet for me then I my selfe. Ther-
fore, O most deere father, streng-
then mee by thy holie spirit, that I
may still perseuere, and continue in
prayer, and with longing desires pa-
tiently waite for thee, O Lord, being
assured that although it appeare not,
yet thou art alwayes present with
mee, and hearest my sighes and com-
playnts, and wilt when thou seest
thy time, declare thy selfe manifestlie,
in renewing my heart with spirituall
ioy, stirre vp, O Lord, my dull and
suggish nature, to call vpon thee con-
tinually, appoynting thee neyther
time, nor the meanes of my deliue-
rance, but leauing all to thy good wil
and pleasure: I may in the meane
time neuer cease my continuall pray-
er, to call for thy mercifull help, untill
such

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Such time as it shall please thy goodnes to sende mee full deliuerance. I feele my selfe, O Lorde, oftentimes very vnwilling to pray, for that I doe not fully perceaue my prayers to be heard, but doe goe on stil languishing in my sorrowes, as though thou haddest no care of mee. But this my dulnesse, I beseech thee, O mercifull father, pardon in mee, and graunt that I may be raysed vp to pray for ayde and releefe of thee continuallye, although I should see no signe of fauour: yet that I may continue still with the faithfull woman of Canaan. and neuer cease in hart, mind, and mouth, till thou graunt my requests at thine appointed time, when thou knowest it shall be most for my be- hoofe, and for thy glory. And that when thou shalt mercifully looke vpon mee to deliuer mee: I may then fully with my whole heart acknow-
ledge

Godly prayers.

ledge thy goodnes toward me, and let it neuer slip out of my hart, but continue thankfull for the same all the dayes of my life, whereby thy glozy in me may be declared, and my soule relieved, through Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶ A Thank-giuing when one hath received some comfort, but not fully deli-
uered.

O Most louing and mercifull father, nowe I feele thy sweet mercies and louing kindnes shewed vpon mee poore wretch, whom thou hast out of greuous assaults deliuered, from painefull sorrow, to ioyfull comforts restored. Now I knowe, O Lord, that

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that my many and sundry prayers
that I made to thee in the anguish
and bitterness of soule, were not void
although for a time thou seemedst to
reiect them: nowe I knowe that al-
though thou seemest to bee angry, yet
thy fatherly affection still remaineth,
surely fixed vpon thy children, so that
nothing can remoue thy loue fro thy
deere children, but whom thou louest,
thou louest vnto the end, euen when
thou dost scourge and correct them
most sharplie: thou woundest and
healest againe, thou throwest downe
to hell, and raylest vp againe. For
whereas my heart was so dull, that
no spiritual comfort could enter ther-
in: nowe I feele, O Lord God, that
thou hast begun so to frame it anew,
that I beginne to take more comfort
and ioy: so thou wilt in mercie en-
crease the same in me more and more,
that I may from day to day, ac-

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knowledge thy benefits towards me,
and for the same yeeld due honoꝝ and
praise vnto thy holy name. That I
may through this thy woꝝk in me, be
confirmed of thy goodnes towards
mee, that as thou hast begun in mee a
good woꝝke: so thou wilt fulfill the
same, vntill the coming of our Sa-
uioꝝ Iesus Christ, and when he shall
fully deliuer his children, and bring
them to that full and perfect ioy, for
euer to raigne with thee, woꝝld with
out end. Amen.

¶ A thank-giuing after deli- uerance from afflic- tion.

Thy mercie, O Lord my God,
endureth for euer, and thy lo-
uing kindnesse towards thy
children, is not able to be vt-
tered, the truth of thy pro-
mises

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misēs neuer saylest thine Elect. O
howe wonderfull is thy working,
deere Father, amongst thy childzen:
the sorowes of death tooke hold vpon
mee, and the snares of hell almost
entangled me, the dangerous waues
of distrust had euen ouerwhelmed my
soule: I was as one entangled in a
net, and fast caught, not knowing
how to be loosed. Thou haddest O
Lord God, so terrified my soule and
mind that I became bitterly astonied
and in extreame feare, thzorne down
prostrate to the ground, my hart faile
d within me, and all the powers of
my mind were discomfited, the cogi
tation of my minde did so fight with
in me, that I was wholly disquieted
in soule and conscience: I could not
consider, O Lord God, of thee my sa
uour right, nor take hold of thy mer
cifull and louing promises, I could
not bee perswaded of thee my deere

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Father, and God, noz of thy fatherly
leue towards thy chyldzen, scarce
could I find within my selfe any lit-
tle sparke of fayth, to confirme me in
the knowledge of thy good will to-
wardes mee, reuealed in thy blessed
word. For thou, good Lord, hadst
for a time withdrawn from mee thine
hand, wherewith thou haddest before
time stayed and upholden mee from
falling, that I might more cleerely see
mine owne weakenes, and more ef-
fectually consider thy power toward
me. In this distresse, good Lord, and
anguish of minde, I cryed vnto thee
my good lord and God, day and night
with continuall complaints & sighes,
till at length thou in mercie haddest
respect vnto mee, and considerest my
request, and sent mee some reliefe,
wheremas I might take a tast of thy
mercifull dealing with thy chylzen,
and thereby be strengthened more and
more,

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more, and confirmed of thy good will
towards me. And now decree Father,
I feele thy louing mercies towards
me abundantly, who hast deliuered
mee from my dangerous scare, and
set my troubled minde at quietnes,
thou hast made caline the troubled
waues of waucering thoughts, which
ouerwhelmed my soule, and hast
brought me to the quiet haue of thy
mercifull protection and defence, and
hast deliuered mine eyes from teares,
and my feete from falling, and my
hart from distrust. O Lord God, my
most louing and mercifull Father, let
this thy grace, mercy, and louing
kindnes shewed bypon me, neuer be-
part out of my hart: but that I may
bee thereof continually mindfull all
the dayes of my life. And for these
thine vnspcakable mercies towards
mee, graunt mee, good Lord, that I
may haue a thankfull heart to render

Godly prayers.

due honour, praise, and thanksgiving
vnto thy Maiestie, acknowledging
from the bottome of my heart, thy
wonderfull workes in me: and tha
having felt so effectually thy present
helpe in my necessitie: I may be mo
strengthened to put my full trust and
confidence in thee, in my most gre
uous and dangerous assaults, al
though I see no way of deliuerance
looking still for the like helpe whic
I haue before tyme tryed for th
goodnes, knowing that thou hast ta
ken mee into thy protection and kee
ping. And that I may heereof be
more assured, I beseech thee goo
d Lord, that as thou hast begun to de
liuer me: so let me feele more, and da
lie thy good will, and tender mercie
towards mee. Increase in mee tru
bnderstanding of thy heauenly wil
in thy blessed worde, strengthen m
faith to thy louing promises, that I

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may be assured of thy protection, and
thy election and saluation, make mee
daily more and more to loue my deere
father and God vnfainedly, for all
thy goodnes shewed vnto me, to haue
my full delight and ioy in thee, to
wa'ke before thee in sinceritie of lyfe
and godly conuersation, that I may
heere in earth glozifie thy holy name,
and after this life with thy faithfull
flocke, possesse that cuerlasting inheri-
tance, which thy Sonne hath pur-
chased, Christ Iesu our Lord, to who
with thee and the holy ghost, be
all honour and glory, now
and for euer. A-
men.

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¶ A thank-giuing for the word
of God embraced, and a prayer
for increase and conti-
nuance in the
same.



Eternall God, and
most mercifull fa-
ther, I yeeld vnto
thee most hartie
thankes, for all thy
benefites bestowed
vpon mee, especially
for that it hath pleased thy heauenly
goodnes to shine into my hart thzogh
the light of thine holy Spirit, in the
Misteries of thy holy word, and that
thou hast framed my hart and minde
to take such vnspeakable ioy, and
somfozt in thy most blessed and holie
word,

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word, and in the embracing of my
saluation therein offered vnto mee:
for these thine vnspeakable mercies,
I beseech thee, O Lord, make mee
thankfull, that I may acknowledge
the great benefit thereof, and esteeme
of so inestimable a treasure, aboue all
earthly possessions or treasures. And
O Lord my God, for so much as I
wander in thys present life, among
many and infinite dangers, whereby
I am euery moment in perrill of fly-
ding backe, and falling from this fer-
uent zeale of thy everlasting truth,
which thou hast kindled in my brest:
if otherwise thou doe not stay mee by
thy mercifull hande, and for so much
as I learne, out of thy most blessed
and holy worde, that it is not suffici-
ent to haue begunne well, vnlesse I
continue to the end, not sufficient to
hold my hand to the plowe, and looke
backe: I craue at thy hande, in the
name

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name of thy beloued sonne, my Lorde
and Saviour Christ, that this thy
worke which thou hast begun in me,
thou wilt in mercy encrease in mee,
more and more, and continue it euen
vnto the end of my life: that I doe
not waxe cold, secure, dull, or faynt,
but continually encreasing in true
zeale: I may still more and more bee
delighted with reading, hearing, and
meditating of thy holy word: I may
thereby also daily encrease in true
knowledge of thy blessed will, from
faith to faith, that I may euen from
the bottome of my hart, so sincerely
professe thy true Religion, that all
hypocrisie, vaine glory, and fained ho=
lines, vtterly thzough thy holy spirit
rooted out of my heart: I may onely
hold my selfe contented, that I may
haue the eyes of thy Maiestic, behol=
ding my inward heart and minde,
whereby I onely studying to be a=
loued

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lowed before thy Maieſtie, may biterly reſect all the vaine praiſe of men, which might puffe me vp, or the ſcoffing iſts, taunts, or reproches of the vngodly, which might elſe dꝛiue mee downe. To this ende, O Lord my God, that I may encrease, and daily more and more be confirmed, in thy mercies begun in mee, I beſeech thee ſtirre vp true and ſincere Preachers, and Meſſengers, who daily may ſtif vp my minde and heart, otherwiſe or nature dull, to the ioyfull embracing of the glad tidings of peace. Leave me neuer deſtitute, O Lord my God, of the meanes which thou haſt appointed for the encrease to a liuely faith, and true zeale, which meane, is onely the miniſtery of his bleſſed and holy Word: but make mee alwayes carefull for the ſeeking of it: and ſo prouide, O Lord my God, that I may alwayes haue it, comfortably receaue

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ceauē it, and sweetly digest it. **Kepe**
me by thy holy spirit, **O Lord**, that I
neuer bee seduced by erroneous doc-
trine, but that onely I may giue care
vnto thy voyce, that cleauing onelie
vnto thee: I may in this present life
which thou hast giuen mee, so occupie
my selfe, & vse this good time which
thou hast giuen mee, that I may still
looke for the coming of thy deere
sonne, to receaue me into the euerla-
sing rest, prepared for all the elect
and chosen, where I shall for euer
remaine together with my Lord and
Saniour Iesus Christ, to whom
with thee and the holy ghost,
be all honour and glozy
world without end
Amen.

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A prayer for the feeling of the sinne of hipocrisie, that wee may direct our life according to the prescript rule of the word.

O Lord God and heavenly father, which art a iust iudge to punish all them, that doe continue to offend thee, as thou art a father most pitifull, to receaue to mercie all those, which giue ouer themselves to please thee: shew mee thy grace and fauour, so that I may be truly touched with inward displeasure of my sinnes, and that in the place of flattering my self, to sleepe in sinne, I may bee so cast downe in hart, that the rather I may truly with mouth confesse most
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humbly to giue thee, the honour, glorie, and prayse, due vnto thy holte name: and that as thou of thy great mercte dost instruct thereunto by thy holy word, so (for thy names sake) make that the same may so lighten, and cleere our conscience, that in due examination of our life, wee may truly learne to bee angry and displeased, with all our former and corruptible lining.

¶ That it may please thee to draw neere vnto vs, in addressing and guiding our footsteps, in the true and perfect way of obedience, to thy holie lawes and commaundements. Send thy holy Angell to pitch his Tent round about vs, that sathan, and his infernall arme neuer preuaile against vs, but that alwayes with strong faith, we may through Iesus Christ withstand all his crafty engines and snarcs, knowing vndoubtedly, that thou

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thou neuer forsakeſt them that put
their truſt in thee. O let vs not be
let by the infirmitie of our outward
fleſh, but ſtrengthen vs by the ver-
tue of thy holy ſpirit. Suffer vs not
to lie vnder thy heauie wrath, and
vengeance thzough hypocriſie: but
rather, touch vs ſo inwardlie that we
may without ceaſing, ſigh and grone
vnto thee, by true and vnfeigned re-
pentance. And although we be not
alwaies ſo well diſpoſed to aſke and
pray, as we ought to dee, yet (good
Lord for thy glorious names ſake,)
ſtretch out thy mighty hand, that by
the gracious working of thy holie
ſpirit, our minds and hearts may bee
drawne from all earthly and corrup-
tible things ſo that our prayers may
proceede of an inward, earneſt, behe-
ment affection, ſo that we neuer pre-
ſume to come before thee with a dou-
ble heart, knowing that whoſoener
aſketh

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asketh and prayeth for any thing of thee, not asking in fayth, cannot obtaine. Encrease therefore, sweete Lord, our fayth, that wee presentlie may liuely feelee the benefit of remission and pardon of all our sinnes, thzough the mercies and deatch of Christ Iesus our Sauour: and so worke in vs, for ever heereafter to liue in thy feare, and so stand in awe of thy displeasure, that thou mayst continue our mercifull father, world without end, Amen.

Oh sheephcard of sheepe, seeke out mee thy wandering sheepe. And being found, lay mee vppon thy blessed shoulders, and bring me home to the very folde of thy flocke, heale my sicke soule, feede my hungry soule, pea, almost dying thzough hunger, watch ouer the same, O sweet Lord, least the rauening wolfe doe inuade my soule, and so say it to vtter destruction;

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on: Wherefore, O most deere God,
be mercifull to mee a most wretched
sinner, and grant pardon to him that
repenteth, giue not forth the voyce of
thy sentence, according to my demer-
ites, but like as thy mercie before
hath com in the beginning of my life,
so let it conclude the end thereof, to
remaine with thee, worlde without
end. Amen, deere God, Amen.

For as much as in this lyfe, holy
Scripture dooth promise troubles,
penuries, oppressions, encrease of
griefe, and aboundance of temptati-
ons, vouchsafe, O most mighty God,
to prepare my hart to all possible pa-
tience, least I doe faint in the roote-
path, compell (my sweet Lord) this
rebellious flesh of mine, to be subiect
to thy holy spirit, beyond all expecta-
tion, so that I may possesse my soule
in patience, and keepe the same in thy
euermlasting service, to the which pur-
pose

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Wise thou hast created the same.
Whereof, O Lord, shew thy almighty
power, vnto mee most wretched sin-
ner, that so long as I fight in this
wretched life: I may obtaine victo-
rie against my enemies, thou being
my defence, for that there is no other
that fighteth for me, but only thou O
God. Nowe I say, repress the vio-
lence of my enemies, and vouchsafe
with great effect to bring into bon-
dage my miserable flesh, that tormen-
teth my soule. So that I obtaining
victory, may praise thee my only
deliuerer in perpetuall
eternity. Amen.

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¶ A prayer for grace and wisedome.



O Almightie GOD
and mercifull fa-
ther, poure into my
hart thy heauenlie
grace and wisedom.
Comfort my sinfull
soule with thy hea-

uenly Manna, mollifie and make soft
my hard hart with the sweete and
pleasant oyle of thy most holy word.
Suffer me not (O mercifull Lord)
to swarue or slide from the wayes of
truth but graunt helpe of thy holie
spirit, that I may walke in the same
unto my liues end, & let not thy hea-
uenly wisedome depart from mee at
any time during this life.

According to the multitude of thy

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mercies do away mine offences. Preserve me from this my youth and infancy, vnder thy fauourable protection. Giue me grace, O Lord, that I may euen to the grave continue a faithfull and manly souldier in defence of thy truth, and that I may in all my life, daily grow to the ripe perfection of godly wisdom, & truly and iustly acknowledge thee mine onelie God. Deut. 6. That I may onely feare thee, and honour thee. Eodem. That I may cleaue fast vnto thee. Deut. 10. That I doe not after the abomination of any idolatrous people, worship Becks or stones. Deut. 8. Nor let me not, O Lord, harken to any false Prophets that teach theyr owne imaginations, & not the word of God. Deut. 13.

From bouchsafe, O Lord God) to heare mee, and let thy wisdom gouerne me, I know, my God, that
no

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no creature can truly say, I haue
doone my dutie in the seruice of the
Lorde: neither is it in the power of
man (who is so deeply subiect to sin)
to escape all those stumbling blockes
which haue made our waies so dan-
gerous and perrillous through those
innumerable practises, where-with
sathan our great enemy thorough
his malice and craft, hath deuised to
intrap our sinfull soules to our vtter
destruction.

Lord of thy great mercy, roote and
pull out of my hart all the works of
sathan, namely, fornication, adultery,
vncleannes, wantonnes, pride, enuie,
vnnatural desires, vnpure thoughts,
lewd behauiour, idleness, and all other
vicious and naughtie actions, which
being followed according to the
pleasures and delights of the world
in thys life, bring with them euerla-
sting damnation of body and soule in

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the world to come.

Increase in mee, O Lord, such a boundance of thy grace, wisdom, and heauenly blessing, that through the operation of the same in mee, I may prooue a true workman in thy harvest, such a seruant as occupieth his Masters talent vnto gayne, a witnesse that beareth testimonie of Christ, to all people, at all times, and in euery place continue constant in thy truth, during the whole course of this my mortall life.

In thy truth, O God, do I delight, therefore make me perfect in the same. In thee alone doe I repose my whole trust and confidence, saue mee O God of all mercy, and defend mee against mine enemies.

Establish and confirme mee (O Lord) in fapth towards thee. Keepe thou my lips, & gouerne my tongue. Suffer not my hart to purpose any thing

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thing that may displease thee, nor my tongue or lips to speake ought whereby I should purchase thy wrath.

Whosoever dooth trust in thee, O God, shall vnderstand thy truth, and the faithfull shall haue rest in thy fauour: but the godlie according to their own wicked thoughts shall find corruption. The soules of the iust are in the hands of God, and the forces of death shall not touch them.

All wisdome commeth from the Lord, and hath bene with him alwaies, and is with him from the beginning. Eccles. 1. The feare of the Lord doth expell sinne. Lord of thy mercy grant mee thy heauensly wisdome, whereby I may trulie learne to knowe thee rightly, and bee diligent to performe thy precepts effectually.

Lord leaue mee not in my young daies, let thy wisdome enter into my hart,

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hart, and make her habitation in my soule, so shall I liue in thy fauour, and perseuer in thy lawes through thy grace.

Let not them that trust in thee (O Lord God of Hostes) be ashamed: Let not those that seeke thee be confounded, O God of Israell. Lord I make my prayers vnto thee in an acceptable time: euen in the multitude of thy mercies, O God, heare mee in the truth of thy saluation.

In thee alone (O heavenly father) are all good things generally: and what is not of thee, is altogether naught. Replenish and blesse mee, O Lord, with all good gifts: shew thy louing countenance towards me, gouerne mee by thy grace, continue mee in thy fauour, and protect and defend mee now and euermore, vnder the winges of thy manifold mercies, so shall no vile temptation haue power to

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to preuaile against me.

Such is the force of thy heauenlie
wisedom, O God, that who so euer
obtaineth the same, and directeth his
life accordingly, shall prosper and see
good dayes. Whensoever please thee
O Lorde, from the beginning, are
made whole through wisdom. Sa-
pient. 9. Which of thy mercie, O
my God, vouchsafe to graunt vnto
me for thy deere sonne Iesus Christ
his sake. To whom with thee, and
the holy Ghost, be all glory, ho-
nour, and praise, now and
for euer. So
be it.

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¶ Another Christian exposition on vpon the Lords prayer.



Lord God, father
of mercie, and God
of all consolation,
who art high and
mightie aboue all
Lords, and art a-
lone king of kings,
make vs wee beseech thee, wiselie to
knowe that thou art, Our father.
And wee bee thy Chyl dren, that wee
may reioyce in this thy vnspeakeable
loue, who hast had respect vnto vs
poore creatures, and fraile men full of
all infirmities, to take vs from this
bondage of our nature, and gine vs
the liberty of thy Saints, in which
wee should bodilie call vppon thy
name,

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name, both reioycing in the greatnes
of thy glorie, who art alone, high,
mightie, and incomprehensible, aboue
the highest heauens, and knowing
truly how to call vpon thee, to liue
by our thoughts and cogitations
vnto thee, to imagine no carnal thing
of thee, or to measure thy greatnesse
according to our capacitie, but to
feare and reuerence thy glorious
Majestie: which art in heauen. And
to put our trust and confidence in
thee, who rulest and gouernest all
creatures. And as we doe acknow-
ledge all this goodnesse of thine. O
our Father which art in heauen, so
we beseech thee enlarge our hearts,
plentifully to loue thee, who hast had
mercy vpon vs, especially to set out
thy honour and glory. And because
thy praises are great in all the world,
make vs we beseech thee, to sowe
them forth among the Children of
men:

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men: yea, let them be known among
all Nations: and hallowed bee thy
Name. In all the earth, that as all
things are done by thee, so the prayse
of all may be vnto thee. And because,
O Lorde, the enemies are so manie
which seeke to darken thy praise, that
thy Chyldren haue no strength to
bring to passe this worke. Let thy
kingdome come. To strengthen thy
childdren with thy spirit, and make
thine enemies fall before thee. Mul-
tiply (wee beseech thee) the number
of thine elect, and increase thy mani-
folde graces in them. Let thy worde
haue a free course & passage in many
Nations, that thy power to saluati-
on may be knowne, thy Church may
prosper, thy iustice and mercies may
be known, and shortly thy glory may
be seene, when thy Sonne shall ap-
peare to Iudge the quicke and
the dead. And in the meane time,
while

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While yet the dayes of this pilgrims
mage endure, for as much as wee
confesse thee to be the God of glorie:
grant, O Father, that all creatures
may yeeld their obedience vnto thee,
doring all things after thy good pleas-
sure. That, Thy will may be doone
in earth, as it is in heauen. Teach
vs to renounce our owne wills, and
ouercome our own desires which we
acknowledge, O Lord, to be onely
euill, euen from our mothers womb.
Create in vs new spirits, and newe
harts, that thy good pleasure may be
our will, our owne concupiscences
may bee utterly quenched, and we
may offer vp vnto thee, both our bo-
dies and soules, to bee liuing, holie,
and acceptable sacrifices to doe thy
will, that for euer we may cease from
our owne works, and do the workes
which thou hast commaunded, that
we may see at the last thine obedience
to

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to preuaile in this world, euen as thy
blessed Angels, are readie alwaies to
execute thy will. And because (O
Lord) we be compassed about with
many infirmities, and stand in neede
of many things, in want of which,
there is great affliction vnto our
flesh. Keepe from vs we beseech thee
all calamities and troubles of our
life, which are too grieuous for vs to
beare, and arme vs with patience, so
farre to beare the crosse of thy sonne
Christ, as thou wilt haue it, a good
tryall of our fayth. Keepe vs also
wee beseech thee, from all vaine en-
ticements of worldly thinges, that
wee be not overcome by them, but
make vs know, that the world pas-
seth, and the concupiscence of it, so
that on euerie side we may be armed,
that no prosperitie eyther make vs
proud, or to forget thee, nor yet any
aduerstie, so cast vs downe, that wee

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murmure againſt thee: but whatſoeuer (O Lord) thou haſt giuen vs in theſe dayes to bee our portion, teach vs to bleſſe it, as it becommeth vs, that wee may know howe to abound, and how to want, how to be full, and how to be hungry, ſo to bleſſe the world, as though we bleſſed it not, knowing this, that godlines is great riches, with a minde contented with that which it hath. In this hope of thy grace, O Lord, we call vpon thee. To giue vs this day our daily bread, Bleſſe it vnto vs, which is our portion, and make our deſires meaſurable, ſatiſſie it with that which is enough. And O Lord, our God and Father, ſeeing we be by nature impure, ſanctified only by thy ſpirit, and made thy children by thy free adoption of grace, grant wee moſt humbly beſeech thee, that wee may ſee the worke of this thy mercy in vs.
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confesse it, O Lord, and we will not deny it, that our sinnes are many, and they be before vs as debts, for which we cannot satisfie, but they hold vs bound in condemnation, and eternal death, which thou in iustice mayst execute against vs. But thou hast made with vs a newe Testament, in thine onely begotten Sonne Iesus Christ, through whom thou hast sworne, that thou wilt not impute vnto vs our transgressions, nor remember our sinnes any more. To this newe Couenanc, O Lord, wee cleaue fast, believing thy promises, and renouncing our owne workes, denying our selues, and embracing thy sonne our Saviour Christ, for his sake beseeching thee, as hee hath taught vs. Forgiue vs our trespasses. And because, O Lord, thou hast set out vnto vs this condition, vnder which wee should craue pardon of
our

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our finnes. As we forgive them that
trespasse against vs. Staunt wee be-
seech thee, that our harts may be so
enlarged to all our brethren, that wee
may plentifully abound in all loue
toward them, to couer if neede should
be a great number of offences, what
so euer they should commit against
vs, make vs strong, O Lord, to beare
with the weake, the wise with the
vnwise, that by mutuall helpe we
may growe vp together into a good
measure of fayth, and holde fast the
band of peace and loue, in which thou
(O Lorde) doost knit thy Saints
together. And for the whole course
of our life, which is yet behind, keepe
it, O Lorde, in thy truth and righte-
ousnes, according to thy promise, let
thy Spirit guide vs, that in all dan-
gers wee may escape, neuer to stum-
ble at thy deadly rockes of sinne, nor
to be deluded with our owne concu-

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Godly prayers.

diffences, nor overcome with any assaults of sathan, but thou, O Lord, with thy right hand, which is onely mighty: keepe vs vpight, and in an vnblameable course, that in good experience of thy long louing kindnes, wee may haue a stedfast faith to call vpon thee for thy defence, and thou maist heare vs, O Lord, when wee cry. Lead vs not into temptation, but deliuer vs from euill. And when thou shalt accomplish all thy good will toward vs, according to that, that we craue: then we shall confesse with gladnes, thy great & vnspeakable Maiestie, who hast mightilie ouerthrowne all our enemies, and set vs at libertie from sinne and death, wee shall acknowledge thy inuincible loue which could not be turned away with any multitude of our sinnes, confessing thee onely to bee sweete hye vpon whom wee should call

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call in all troubles, and finally that
wee shall giue all praise vnto thee, re-
ioycing in thee, and alwayes reioy-
cing, that in thee wee haue found
strong saluation, who alone and ones
ly art able to giue vs life and immor-
talitie: for thine is the kingdome,
the power and the glory, for euer and
euer. And to thee, O Father, with
thy sonne our Saviour, and thy spy-
rit our comforter, be praise, hono-
r, and glory, world without
end. Amen.

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¶ A prayer against error and
halting betweene two
opinions.



Doth any man esteeme
darknesse aboue the
light? Or doth any
man, O Lord, choose
sickness before helth?
Dooth any man re=
ioyce in poyson, ra=
ther then in healthsome meate? Or
wylsh for death, rather then life: if a
nie doe, let him bee wrytten among
them in whom there is no vnder=
standing, and let his name be refer=
ued to shame for ever. For all men
carefully and gladlie, embrace the
health and light of the bodie, they fle
from poyson, as from a Serpent, and
feede on healthsome meates with de=
light

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light : yea, many wish to live, though
it were in miserie and torment : so
greatly doe they esteeme lyfe. Thus
in all the comfortes of the flesh, man
is precisely wise, to labour for them,
and to auoyde the contrarie, not con-
tented to bee betwene both. But
O Lorde our God, concerning the
light of the soule, which is the know-
ledge of the Gospell, who seeke that ?
The health of the soule, which is
sanctification, who wil labour for it ?
The foode and the lyfe of the soule,
which is Christ, apprehended by
faith, who bee they that seeke it as a
blessing ? I doubt not, but thou hast
thy thousandes of Ephraim, and
thy tennethousandes of Manasses :
but what are these among so manie
thousandes within all Nations, and
Languages vnder heauen, eyther
hane no Religion, or a mingled Re-
ligion, full of forgetie and without

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foundation. Therefore O Lord bee mercifull to all Nations, that yet abide in darknes, and in the shadowe of death, and bring them to the light and saluation of thy Gospell. And although no measure or time of punishment is sufficient for the Jewes, that despised the day of their visitation, and crucified the sonne of glory, yet remember, O Lord, thy promises of olde, made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, their forefathers, for they are the ruines of thy auncient people, and braunches of the naturall Olive. Wherefore suffer them not to halt, and goe out of the way, but bring them home to the sheepfold of Christ, that they may be saued. Especially, bee mercifull, O Lord, to them that are in outward calling Christians, and yet in hart, neyther feele, or regard the treasure of Christianitie.

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They doe neyther hartily embrace the saluation of the Gospel, nor at all feare the destruction, which proceedeth from ignorance. As a people of no Religion, or changing their Religion with euery exchaunge of time, & halt betweene God and Ball, betweene truth and errour, betweene life and death. Their knowledge is not stedfast, as hauing no ground, and their conscience as a leaden rule, boweth and frameth it selfe to euery crooked worke.

They are of the Church of the Laoditians, neyther hote nor cold: and therefore except they repent & be zealous, are to be spewed out of thy mouth. They as the Church of Ephesus, haue lost their first loue, and except they repent and returne, from whence they are fallen, their Candlesticke shall be remoued. Therefore, O mercifull Father, I beseech thee
make

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make all men that professe thy name,
zealous of thy glory, wise and con-
stant to professe thy holy truth: not
ready to fall off, not browne and faint
in the exercises of godlines, not pro-
fessing they knowe not what. Make
them no dumb Christians, no scro-
tters, but in prayer still seruant, in
hearing diligent, and zealous in e-
very good worke, that thy name, O
Lord, may be glorified, and the pow-
er of thy Gospell knowne in thy
Saints. Take out of our hearts the
bitter roote of heresies, let there be a-
mongst vs no wormewood, or gall, to
trouble and pollute many: but abo-
lish all Atheisme and prophane lyfe.
Confound the dangerous heresies
of them that intitle themselves. The
house of loue, but they are the house
of hatred, hating the truth and em-
bracing obscure blasphemous pam-
phlets. Grant that thy children, by
the

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the gifts and graces of thy holy spirite, may bee cleerely knowne to bee Christians, by those manifest marks of Christianity. If God be God, let vs and our fathers house serue him: but if Ball be God, if Antichrist bee that Christ, follow him yee workers of iniquitie, that ye may raigne with him in his Kingdome. O Lord, the Fountaine of all wisdom, and the onely opener, and preparer of our hearts, minister wisdom to vs in thy holy spirite, that the eyes of our vnderstanding being opened, wee may behold the most excellent graces of thy Gospell, and prepare a sure habitation for them in our hearts: that errour bee not dearer to vs then thy truth, the life of our soules: that wee delight not more in the naturall policie and tradition of mans wisdom, then in the supernaturall, and heaucnly graces of thy wisdom, richly

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richly offered vs in Christ Iesus.
Finally, O heauenly Father, keepe
vs that we doe not vnequally poake
our selues with the manifest and
malicious enemies of thy Gospel.
They are in darknes, but O God,
make vs light in the Lord, to com-
municate, neyther with them, nor
with their superstitious vanities.
But put vs out from amongst them,
and out of their wayes, that wee
may be receiued of thee, and kept by
thee: that thou maist bee our God,
and we thy people, that thou mayest
be to vs a Father, and we thy sonnes
and daughters, O Lord almightie.
Altogether put vs a part from Ba-
stards, from hypocrites, from Tem-
porisers, that not haying to doe with
them, nor with the marke of the
beast: wee may beare thy marke in
our foreheads, yea in our harts and
hips also, being consecrate, and dedi-
cated

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cated to thee, and thy pure service in
holinesse and righteousnesse all the
dayes of our life. O heare vs hea-
venly father, and giue vs the straight
and strong steppes in thy holy Re-
ligion, through Iesus Christ,
who with thee and the
holy spirit, be blest
for ever.

Amen.

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The prayse of Wisedome in
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Blest is the man that wisdom finds
and he that doth obtaine.
Understanding, & doth know therof,
The rich and precious gaine.
For better tis to get the same,
Then silver ready told :
And better profit it both bring,
Then merchandize of gold.
Wisdom doth precious stones excell
And all things else that are :
There is nothing thou canst desire,
To be compared to her.
Vpon her right hand is long life,
Which neuer is hereft :
Riches and honour doe attend,
And waight vpon the left,
Her waies are passing pleasant waies,
Her pathes are full of rest :

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Shee is a tree of life to those,
Which to follow her are prest,
She is I say the tree of life,
To such as on her hold:
And such as alwayes keepe her fast,
Are blessed manifold.

My son let not these things depart,
Nor from thine eye to passe:
But keepe my laws & counsailes eke,
And thou shalt find them grace,
Unto thy mouth, and to thy soule,
They shall be perfect life:
So shalt thou safely walke the way,
Whereas there is no strife.

Thy foot fro stumbling so thou maist
At all times safely keepe:

If thou shalt sleepe, thou needst not
But rest and sweetly sleepe. (care
Thou shalt not neede to be afraid,
Of any suddaine feare:

For violent force of wicked men,
Which chaunce take thou no care.

For violent rushing in of such,
As the bugodly are.

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Of them thou needst not to account,
Nor let them not thee scare.
For why the Lord with thee shall be
At hand, and keepe thy foote:
That by deceitfull sleights of foes,
Thou neuer shalt be tooke.

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